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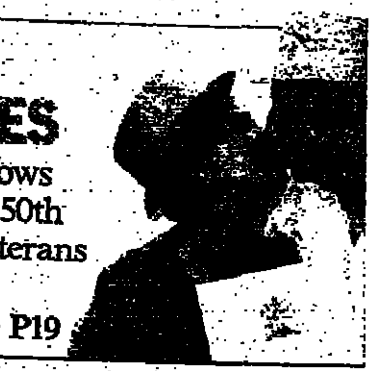

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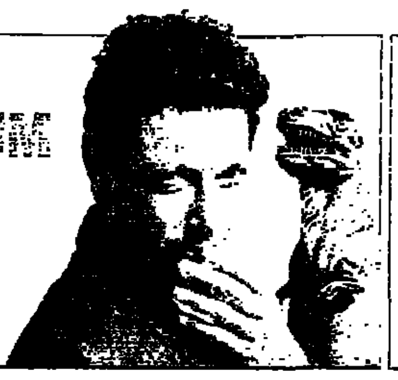

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Versace murdered in cold blood

Gay serial killer named as suspect in shooting at Miami mansion

FROM MICHAEL McDONOUGH IN MIAMI AND JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

GIANNI VERSACE, the designer who dressed the world's so-called beautiful people with a flamboyant style straddling the boundary of bad taste, was shot dead on the steps of his mansion in Miami yesterday.

A white man in his mid-twenties pulled a pistol from a backpack and shot Versace twice as he was unlocking the gates to his art deco home on Ocean Drive after having breakfast in a nearby cafe.

The local police chief, Richard Berreto, said that the designer had been specifically targeted rather than the victim of a robbery, and detectives experienced in dealing with organised crime were called into the investigation.

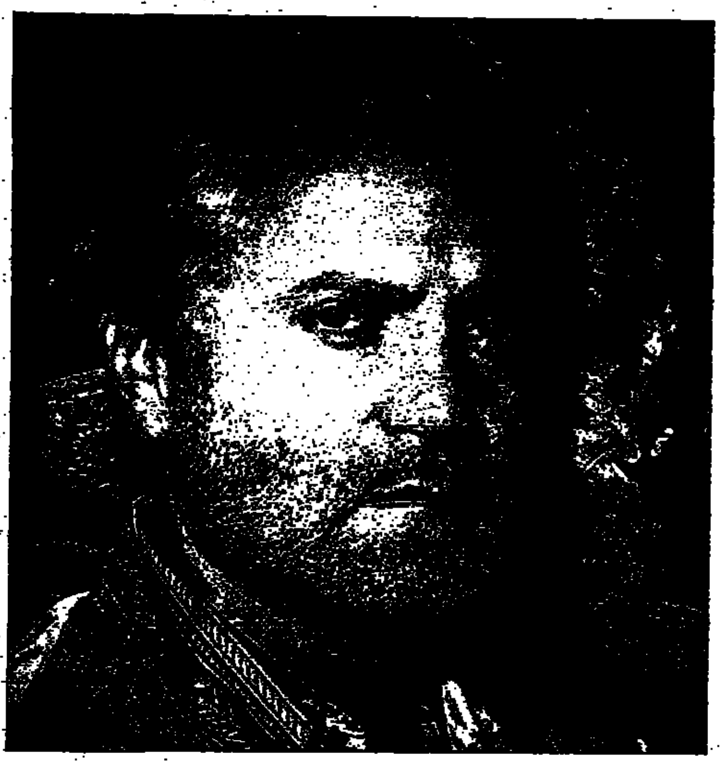
Police will examine both Versace's personal life — he was well-known in the Miami homosexual community and was reported to be dying of Aids — and his business activities, which had been linked to organised crime although he always denied that.

The FBI, which is helping with the murder investigation, is also looking into the possibility that a suspected serial killer, Andrew Cunanan, might have been the gunman. Cunanan is wanted for four killings in Minnesota, Illinois and New Jersey, with one of his victims a former homosexual lover.

Witnesses to the shooting of Versace said that his attacker was a white man of about 25, 5ft 8in tall, wearing a white shirt, grey shorts and a baseball cap. Cunanan, 27, is 5ft 10½in.

The man who shot Versace was said to have sworn loudly in Italian before opening fire. As the designer fell after the first shot, the killer shot him again in the back of the head. He then ran to a waiting car, believed to have been a taxi.

Versace was taken to the Jackson Memorial Hospital, where he was pronounced dead, as police sealed the area around the white three-storey mansion overlooking the Atlantic Ocean — the only private residence on "Deco Drive". Hundreds of people gathered across the street to stare at the blood on the steps and bullet casings which police had marked with numbers.



Gianni Versace was pronounced dead at a Miami hospital

As news of the killing spread, Versace shops closed and tributes poured in. Diana, Princess of Wales, who was one of his clients, issued a statement saying that she was "devastated at the loss of a great and talented man".

Elizabeth Hurley, who shot to fame in "That Dress", a black gown held together with gold safety pins, said: "Gianni was a deaf friend and I am going to miss him horribly. He was massively talented and it's an appalling thing to have happened."

Fellow designers, Giorgio Armani, Emmanual Ungaro, Mary Quant and Vivienne Westwood, all paid homage to Versace and tonight's grand finale of the Rome fashion festival on the Spanish Steps may be cancelled as a mark of respect. Armani said that Versace had rebuilt his life with vigour and energy after grave illness. "Gianni and a handful of others represented the success of Italian fashion all over the world. My reaction is one of revolt against such an unnatural and violent death, and also of profound pain."

The singer Elton John, who had expected Versace to join him on holiday in the south of France, said: "I am devastated to have lost one of my closest friends, who I loved so much. It is like a large part of my life has died with him."

Versace was born in Terggio Calabria, southern Italy, in December 1946. The son of a tailor, he began designing ready-to-wear clothes for Milan firms in 1972, going on to launch his first collection under his own label six years later. He soon achieved fame with his flamboyant styles for both men and women and his vibrant fashion shows with blaring rock music, blaring floodlights and dancing models.

Apart from Diana, Princess of Wales, Miss Hurley, and Elton John, his client list included Demi Moore, Madonna, Rod Stewart, Jane Fonda, Prince, Boy George and Courtney Love.

As his success grew, he won a string of awards and opened stores around the world, including a five-storey boutique in New Bond Street, London. He had recently converted a derelict Vanderbilt mansion on New York's Fifth Avenue into a six-storey emporium.

His sister, Donatella, and elder brother, Santo, are both closely involved in the business and they issued a joint statement yesterday appealing for privacy after the killing.

The Versace business was caught up in the *Mani Pulite* — Clean Hands — crackdown on corruption in Italy in the early 1990s and Santo, the business manager, was convicted in May of bribing tax inspectors. Several prominent Italian fashion designers were implicated in the case, but Gianni Versace was not charged.

There are still organised crime links with the rag trade in Italy and America — the Mafia was at one stage suspected of involvement in the killing of Maurizio Gucci in 1995 — butVersace always insisted that his business was completely above board. He received substantial damages from *The Independent on Sunday* in 1994 after it claimed that his £500 million a year turnover was linked to the Mafia and money laundering. The following year, however, he said: "They even say I am Mafioso. That can hurt you. It can hurt your family values. But not any more, you have to say 'who cares?'"

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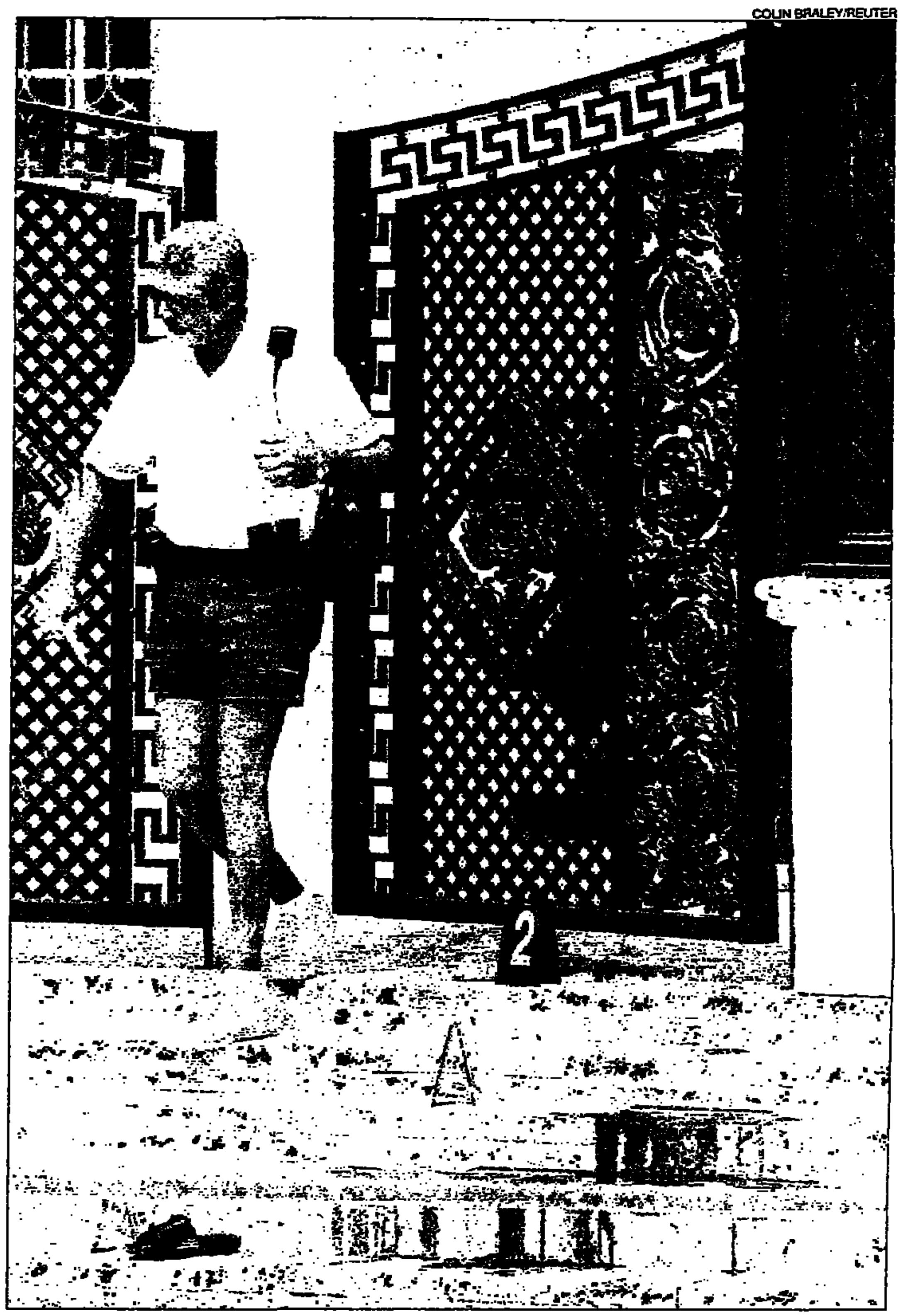

The killer swore in Italian as he fired twice when Versace walked up the steps to his mansion

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Ministers volunteer for stay-at-home holidays

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY AND JAMES LANDALE

MEMBERS of the Cabinet are to spend part of their summer holidays in Britain this year in a gesture to the travel industry.

After doing their patriotic duty with buckets and spades, the ministers will be allowed to go abroad for what many believe are the summer holidays they really prefer.

The Cabinet's decision to take holidays at home is in line with the new priority given to tourism by Chris Smith's renamed Department of Culture, Media and Sport.

A Government source insisted: "They didn't have to be ordered. They all wanted to take breaks in Britain because it is such a marvellous holiday destination."

Quite how long they will stay in the United Kingdom is a moot point. "Of course, they are allowed to go abroad to take advantage of the strong pound like everybody else," said the source. "They will all go on some sort of holiday in Britain, though."

"We're looking at Tuscany and the Caribbean. If you're a Labour MP, you should turn over"

Tony Blair is expected to return to Tuscany, where Geoffrey Robinson, the Paymaster General, has a villa. Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, will spend a holiday playing tennis with his friend Sarah Macauley in Cape Cod, on the northeast coast of America.

Mr Smith, a keen mountaineer, was the first MP to conquer the Munroes, all 280 Scottish peaks over 3,000ft. But he is suspected of wanting to return to his usual summer destination of Tuscany after a dutiful, well-publicised excursion somewhere in Britain.

Ron Davies, the Welsh Secretary, prefers Wales, and Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, has taken a cottage in the North of England, while Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, is as familiar a sight in the New Forest as the ponies.

British tourism employs 1.8 million people, generating £37 billion a year.

MPs leave Westminster on July 31, and return in October.

OFT criticises pension plans

The Office of Fair Trading called for a radical overhaul of pension provision, condemning the present system as expensive and inadequate.

Publishing the results of a 10-month inquiry the Director-General, John Bridgeman, said that many personal pension plans represented "poor value" with benefits frequently eroded by the high costs. Proposals for a new-style low-cost personal pension were put forward by the OFT which, it said, would benefit from lower administration charges .... Page 25

Legal fees attack

The Lord Chancellor is planning to curb lawyers' fees, by regulating "fat cat" QCs' earnings from legal aid and inflated fees for private work. Lord Irvine of Lairg, QC, is reconsidering the principle that the "winner takes all". Litigants in the civil courts are able to recoup most of their costs from the losing side after winning an action....... Page 2

Britain will use PR for 1999 European elections

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

TONY BLAIR has given the go ahead for proportional representation to be used for elections to the European Parliament in 1999.

In a move that will delight the Liberal Democrats and electoral reform campaigners Mr Blair has put aside his personal scepticism about PR and authorised the introduction of a Bill. It would be the first time voters in mainland Britain have been able to use PR in a national election.

But Mr Blair is making plain that his doubts about using PR for Westminster elections remain and there is no prospect of change to the first-past-the-post system in the foreseeable future.

Mr Blair and strong sceptics in the Cabinet, led by Jack Straw and Ann Taylor, have relented over the European elections. They believe that these can be treated as an exception because voters are not electing a government but representatives in a cross-Europe parliament.

Because of the pressure of Government business the Bill is expected to be introduced in the Lords.

The Liberal Democrats are pressing Mr Blair to set up the commission that is due to consider alternative voting systems for Westminster but that is not expected until the autumn. However, he hopes that the decision on Europe will be seen as a signal to them that his promise to follow a more co-operative style of politics is being fulfilled.

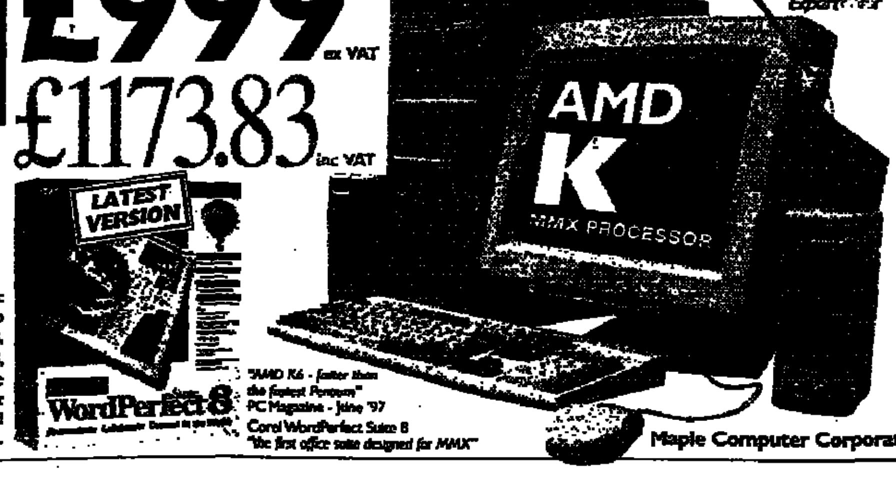
Some Cabinet ministers are attracted by the the greater control they believe a PR system would give Labour over its European MPs, some of whom have been notoriously "off-message".

Although the details have to be worked out there is likely to be a regional lists of candidates who would be elected in proportion to the votes cast.

PR campaigners in the Cabinet, notably Robin Cook and Jack Cunningham, are delighted at the move, which is expected to be confirmed at tomorrow's Cabinet meeting.

In the 1994 Euro elections Labour gained 62 seats, the Tories 18, the Liberal Democrats two and the Scottish Nationalists two. The smaller parties would have done much better under PR.

The Cabinet meeting is also expected to put the final touches the the Government's white papers on devolution. The Welsh paper is to be published next Tuesday and the Scottish one next Thursday, although the Scottish referendum will come first on September 11 and the Welsh one a week later.



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Dewar loses his self-rule in argument on devolution

MATTHEW PARRIS

POLITICAL SKETCH

It was uncharacteristic of Donald Dewar to misjudge his man, or his moment. At most times a surefooted politician, in Opposition a shrewd Chief Whip and in Government as sharp-witted a Cabinet minister as they come, the Scottish Secretary can normally be relied upon to choose his words with care. But two intemperate answers at Scottish Questions yesterday suggested that the stress of organising devolution is beginning to tell.

His Tory shadow, Michael Ancram, made a serious point about Scottish devolution. Mr Ancram, a moderate and gentlemanly Scot, sits for an English seat. Dewar tried a sarcastic put-down, regretting that Ancram was out of touch with Scotland, having lost his seat there. This drew laughs from backbenchers, but mistook its target.

Dewar may come to regret his other jibe. Tam Dalyell is neither ignorant nor ill-intentioned. The veteran Labour MP for Linlithgow is a force to be reckoned with. During abortive attempts by the last Labour Government to create a Scottish Assembly, Mr Dalyell was among the leaders of the cross-party effort to scupper the plan. He has not declared himself against this Government's proposals, but we know he is sceptical.

Dalyell's method, in this as in any of his parliamentary crusades, is to become an expert on the subject in question, find the weak points in ministers' arguments, and then wear them down with an unceasing barrage of often technical questions. He does not filibuster, he is not long-winded and never rude. He just keeps on asking the questions ministers do not want to hear. Mr Dalyell chips away both at their case and their confidence.

Opinion is divided as to whether he won his long battle with Margaret Thatcher over which way the Argentine *General Belgrano* was steaming when British missiles sank her. He certainly made her life a misery.

The jury is still out over whether successive British Governments have been right to blame the Libyans for the Lockerbie bombing, or whether (as Dalyell claims) Libya has been framed, but there is no doubt that by sheer persistence and minute questioning, he has moved the argument Libya's way. And nobody doubts his role in wrecking Scottish devolution plans in the 70s.

Now Dalyell seems to have got badly under Donald Dewar's skin. He asked Mr Dewar (now it seemed a new building was to be commissioned, rather than an existing one used, for the Scottish Parliament) who was going to pay.

Mr Dewar adopted the lemon face he reserves for these occasions. With evident distaste he told Dalyell he was nothing if not "persistent". But "the honourable Gentleman" (he did not, as he should have, call him "my honourable Friend") "has fallen below his normal high standards". Dewar then scolded Dalyell for claiming that any decision had been taken to construct a new building. It had not.

It is unwise, on two counts, ever to accuse Mr Dalyell of not doing his homework. First, he probably has done his homework. Second, you will provoke him into doing even more homework, and throwing the results at you every time you appear at the Dispatch Box. If this sketch knows the Member for Linlithgow, he will at that moment have resolved henceforward to eat, sleep and breathe the finances of a new building for the Scottish Parliament.

Dalyell spent the rest of the session with his head sunk in his hands, deep in thought. Dewar has not heard the last of this.

Irvine considers curbs on fees of 'fat cat' QCs

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

THE Lord Chancellor is planning to curb lawyers' fees, by regulating "fat cat" QCs' earnings from legal aid and inflated fees for private work.

Lord Irvine of Lairg, QC, sharply attacked £1 million-a-year lawyers in a speech in the House of Lords on Monday. Yesterday Lord Irvine, who by his own admission was himself a top-earning QC until Labour won the general election, was attacked by a Tory MP over a proposed refurbishment of his official residence at a cost of £650,000.

The Lord Chancellor is reconsidering the principle that the "winner takes all". Litigants in the civil courts can recoup most of their costs from the losing side after winning a legal action. Lord Irvine is examining capping how much people can recover, instead.

The move, floated by Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, in his civil justice report last year, would indirectly bring pressure to bear on lawyers' charges. If a £2,500 costs limit was set for disputes involving sums up to £10,000, people would be less willing to pay much higher sums in legal fees.

Lord Irvine is also preparing plans which might be included in a Bill during the next session for curbs on the earnings of QCs who can make six-figure sums from criminal legal aid work. This could include setting prescribed rates, as exist for other kinds of legal aid work.

No decisions will be made until Sir Peter Middleton, a former Treasury official, reports on legal aid and civil justice this autumn.

On Monday night, responding to concern expressed by Lord Ackner, the former law lord, that higher court fees were restricting the rights of access of litigants of modest means, Lord Irvine said: "Fat cat lawyers railing at the inequity of court fees do not attract the sympathy of the public." He spoke scathingly of the "significant number of QCs who earn a million pounds per annum", adding that "many would describe half a million pounds in one year as representing a very bad year for them".

He said it was "staggering" that of the total criminal legal aid budget of £566 million, the top 1 per cent of criminal cases consumed 24 per cent of the total.

Yesterday Gerald Howarth, the Conservative MP for Aldershot, accused the Lord Chancellor of "rank hypocrisy" in making his remarks while planning a reported £650,000 "tarting up" of his House of Lords residence at the taxpayers' expense.

Officials pointed out that the refurbishment, which has yet to be agreed by the Works Committee of the Lords, was part of a project to preserve the fabric of the Palace of Westminster and not a matter of expenditure by Lord Irvine.

Lord Irvine also drew attacks from the Bar, who said that fees earned by a handful of top lawyers (and not the majority) were irrelevant to the issue of increased court fees and would not affect access to justice for those of modest means.

Irvine: criticised by Conservative MP

Robert Owen, QC, the Bar chairman, accepted that some commercial laywers — both solicitors and barristers, earned high fees which they commanded in the open market. But the real deterrent to people using the courts was court fees themselves, as evidence to the Public Accounts Committee had shown before this year's increases, he said.

He added that QCs' legal aid earnings were approved by taxing masters in the courts as "fair and reasonable", not set by lawyers.

"If the Lord Chancellor wants to reduce these fees significantly, it must follow that a lower level would not be fair and reasoable. Nor would it affect the earnings of the top commercial silks because it is entirely a matter for their private clients how to spend their money."

Yesterday a Law Society spokesman said QCs' legal aid fees were almost unregulated. "There are no prescribed scales for QCs' fees in civil or matrimonial work and they are paid at 'market rates'."

Tony Girling, president of the society, said all lawyers had to accept the principle of "proportionality" in fees. In criminal legal aid, he said the society's view was that QCs only doing criminal legal aid work shoud earn the same as a hospital consultant was paid by the health service.

Russell Wallman, head of policy at the society, said it was not opposed in principle to setting a cap on legal costs which litigants could recover but that a fair fee must be ensured.

The furore is likely to fuel the case for a review of the whole QC system.

SYGMA

The Princess soaking up the sun in St Tropez yesterday

Princess denies she has surprise in store

By Alan Hamilton

A TRAIL of confusion was left by Diana, Princess of Wales, yesterday as she and her sons continued their holiday with Mohamed Al Fayed.

Her office at Kensington Palace, acting on her instructions, denied that she told reporters on Monday of a forthcoming surprise announcement about her future. The journalists, whom she confronted from a speedboat, believed that she was suggesting she may be planning to live abroad.

Yesterday her London office tried to pour cold water on the speculation: "Her purpose in talking to some journalists was merely to inquire how long they intended to remain in the South of France, as the oppressive media presence was causing great distress to all the children. There was no discussion of the possibility of any statement being issued in the future."

Yesterday the Princess was on the beach in full view of reporters and photographers. She and Prince William and Prince Harry have been staying with the Harrods chairman and his family at his villa in St Tropez.

Catholic girl shot at Protestant boy's home

By Nicholas Watt
Chief Ireland Correspondent

AN 18-year-old Catholic girl died yesterday after she was shot by a loyalist gunman as she slept at the home of her Protestant boyfriend.

Detectives said they feared that the shooting in the hardline loyalist village of Aghalee, Co Antrim, may have been sectarian. A man was arrested in the village yesterday by armed RUC officers.

Bernadette Martin, who had been going out with Gordon Green for a year, died in hospital after she was shot four times in the head at around 4am by a gunman who entered the house by an unlocked back door. She was asleep in a bed next to her boyfriend's sister. Mr Green was elsewhere in the house. She died yesterday afternoon in the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast.

Detectives said they were working on a number of motives for the attack. However, fears grew last night that loyalists may have shot the teenager. Aghalee is close to Portadown, Co Armagh, the base of a new hardline terrorist group known as the Loyalist Volunteer Force.

Aghalee is a notoriously hardline loyalist village. Although Mr Green is popular among Miss Martin's Catholic friends, some of his neighbours frequently shouted sectarian abuse at her.

Miss Martin lived on a mixed housing estate in Craigavon, Co Armagh, about ten miles from her boyfriend's house. The couple met about a year ago at a food processing factory in Lurgan where they worked.

The shooting was hours before loyalist politicians held their first meeting with Tony Blair since the election. Gary McMichael, the leader of the Ulster Democratic Party, the political wing of the Ulster Defence Association, described the death of Miss Martin as a tragedy.

NEWS IN BRIEF

'New building' for Scottish parliament

Donald Dewar, the Scottish Secretary, admitted for the first time yesterday that a new purpose-built assembly might have to be constructed for the planned Scottish parliament. He told MPs that the Old Royal High School building in Edinburgh, the expected site of the new legislature, might not be big enough. Mr Dewar said: "The Government has not ruled out the Royal High School but we are conscious of its shortcomings as a possible site and we want to look at other options."

Mr Dewar also confirmed that the White Paper on Scottish Devolution will be published on July 24, two days after that on Welsh devolution. They had been delayed by disagreement in Cabinet over power sharing.

Sheppard tax call

The Bishop of Liverpool, Dr David Sheppard, yesterday called on the Government to create more jobs and raise taxes to solve the problem of unemployment. In his valedictory address to the General Synod of the Church of England before he retires in September, he said that Christians must be mobilised to act, argue and lobby on "one of the great issues in human affairs".

Paper fined £50,000

***The News of the World* was fined £50,000 yesterday over an article which caused a criminal trial to be abandoned. The paper was found guilty of contempt of court after a story headlined "We smash £100 million fake cash ring" allowed two alleged counterfeit money dealers to walk free. The paper, working with police, had conducted an investigation and named two men it alleged were master forgers.**

BA delays continue

British Airways will not return to normal operations until Monday, more than a week after the end of the three-day strike by cabin crew. With 1,500 cabin crew still off sick, the airline says that it is not able to operate more than 60 per cent of short-haul and 75 per cent of long-haul services from Heathrow. The final cost of the strike is estimated at between £50 million and £200 million. BA turbulence, page 25

Crash mother home

A woman injured in a crash which killed her husband and two young sons has left Basildon Hospital, Essex, with her baby boy who was born just hours after the accident. Sue Cole, 35, suffered multiple injuries in the crash near the family home at Chadwell St Mary, Essex, on June 29. Steven Murray, 25, of East Tilbury, has been charged with causing death by dangerous driving and taking a vehicle.

'Bodies' artist charged

A sculptor and tutor at the Prince of Wales's Institute of Architecture has been charged with stealing body parts for use in his sculpture shows, Scotland Yard said yesterday. Anthony-Noel Kelly, 41, a cousin of the Duke of Norfolk, from Brixton, south London, and Niel Lindsay, 24, a former mortuary assistant, will appear at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court on August 15.

Tall story for scientists

A gene which may explain why men are generally taller than women has been discovered by scientists. They believe it switches on in boys in puberty, causing growth spurts. It may also control hair growth, muscle weight and fatness. The New Zealand researchers think the gene — STAT5b — may have important implications for treating dwarfism and could be used in farming to boost wool and meat production.

Overalls saved lift man

A worker escaped death when a lift he was working on at the Langham Hilton Hotel in London hurtled into the basement. His overalls caught on a projection in the lift shaft and he came to rest 12 inches from the floor, Southwark Crown Court was told. Hilton International Hotels (UK) Ltd denies failing to ensure the health, safety and welfare of employees.

Woodhead orders inspectors to write tougher reports on teachers

By John O'Leary, education editor

TEACHERS will be graded individually from September under a change to school inspection that will place in doubt the future of thousands of staff.

Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools, announced yesterday that teachers will be judged on a three-point scale in confidential reports to heads. The system would contribute to an acceleration in the dismissal of incompetent staff. Inspectors have proved reluctant to pick out the worst teachers under a scheme introduced last year. The new plans will force them to make judgments on all the lessons they see and head teachers will be given a profile of teaching performance.

About 16 per cent of the lessons observed by inspectors last year came into the bottom category to be used in the new regime. The figure suggests that far more than the 13,000 teachers estimated by Mr Woodhead to be incompetent will be reported to heads by the time all schools have been inspected again.

Teachers' leaders claimed that the ratings were crude and unfair, aimed at encouraging the dismissal of weak staff. But Mr Woodhead said the grades would add to the management information available to heads and governors. "I think there is a stiffening of the management culture, which will see more teachers who are not up to the job being tackled about their performance," he said. "But this is just one part of the jigsaw for head teachers, albeit an important and absolutely justifiable piece."

The announcement appeared to take ministers by surprise: there was no mention of the change in last week's White Paper on schools. But Stephen Byers, the Minister for School Standards, welcomed the development as a useful addition to the information for heads.

Mr Woodhead said that heads had asked for the change. But the two heads' associations were split on its merits. The National Association of Head Teachers raised no objections but the Secondary Heads' Association said it strongly opposed any system of personal reports.

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, described the proposed grading as crude and unfair. He added: "Any head teacher worth their salt should know what is going on in their school."

Prince and Brown in pleas for young

By Valerie Elliott
Whitehall Editor

THE Prince of Wales and the Chancellor, Gordon Brown, last night put the seal on the relationship between the Prince and new Labour when they forged a partnership to help the young unemployed, appealing to leading businessmen to back them.

The two men were brought together by Sir Peter Davis, group chief executive of the Prudential, who is chairman of one of the Prince's charities, Business in the Community, and chairman of Mr Brown's Welfare to Work taskforce.

The joint approach to help youngsters trapped in the dependency culture is believed to have been arranged at two recent meetings between the Prince and Tony Blair.

Last night the Prince and Mr Brown did not share a platform for speeches, but they met informally at a drinks reception for more than 200 business leaders, as a joint display of support. The Prince had launched a new awards scheme for companies which invest in communities, and Mr Brown appealed to business chiefs to join his crusade, to offer a new deal, and to second high-flying staff to the employment service to help administer the plan.

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Fashion world stunned by Versace murder

Tributes flow for modest man crowned king of glitz

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN
IN NEW YORK, AND
STAFF REPORTERS

FRIENDS, models and admirers of Gianni Versace reacted with immense sadness to his death yesterday.

The designer Bruce Oldfield summed up the mood: "This is just not what you would expect in the fashion business, this just doesn't happen. Gianni always went for the grand entrance — the most 'here I am' dress, the sexiest dress that was available. He was uncompromisingly glitzy."

But he added: "He was a modest man and liked to laugh and to poke fun at himself."

Vivienne Westwood said: "Versace's death is a very great tragedy and a deep shock. He was obviously one of the most talented and famous designers of the last few years."

Emanuel Ungaro, a confrère, paid tribute to Mr Versace, saying that: "Gianni has left his mark on our times, with his vitality and joyful way of being. He has enriched all of our worlds. He was a genius in communicating".

Mary Quant described Mr Versace as being "all about life". She said: "His designs were immediately recognisable as rich, glamorous and sexy. He dared to use a strong dash of vulgarity just beautifully. He was a man adored by everyone".

The model Kate Moss said she was "stunned" and "at a complete loss for words". Claudia Schiffer, who also modelled for him, said: "Words cannot describe how much I will miss him. He was not only a gifted and talented designer who was extraordinary to work with but was also such a wonderful and caring man. He will be missed greatly by all of his friends and everyone in the industry."

Elton John said: "The world has lost a wonderful creative genius, and I have lost a very dear friend."

Elizabeth Hurley, who hurtled to fame in a skimpy dress made by the couturier, said that she was going to "miss him horribly". She said: "He was very kind and lovely to me. He will be hideously missed by everyone."

The editor of *Vogue*, Alexandra Shulman, said: "Gianni Versace was one of the most important innovators of the century. He understood that fashion must be exciting, glamorous and always new. His death is a great shock and a huge loss to the industry."

Lisa Marie Presley, the daughter of Elvis Presley, described herself as "completely heartbroken over the tragedy". Ms Presley, who wore more Versace than most people, said: "Gianni was a rare talent, a genius as a designer and, more importantly, a wonderful friend whose warmth and generosity I will miss terribly".

Boy George, who played the music for Versace's penultimate catwalk show in Milan, said: "I have worked with him on many occasions and he was nothing but a complete gentleman".

Speaking yesterday in New York, Cindy Weber-Cleary, the fashion director for *Glamour* magazine, said: "There is only a handful of designers who really influence and inspire the whole fashion community and he was one of the top. He was famous for dressing celebrities and rock stars. They loved him for his colourful, spirited, energetic designs. In fact, he was one of the most knocked-off designers."

Jacques Mouclier, President of the Chambre Syndicale de la Couture, the governing body of French fashion, also mourned Mr Versace's death. He declared: "We admitted him as an unofficial member of our body, even though he didn't create in Paris. He has really influenced fashion for years now. It was astonishing how he put clothes in focus with his use of models. He beautified women with a touch of modernism".

The British designer Caroline Charles said: "I think that he was a fabulous designer who just got better and better with every season.

"He became more beautiful, more sensuous, more exquisite all the time. He knew how to dress a woman. He was one of the few people who knew how to incorporate underwear into slinky little dresses."

She added: "All women longed to wear his clothes, and you really could wear them."

As news of Versace's death spread through the fashion world, mourning fans congregated at his flagship store in New Bond Street, London. Flowers were laid at the doors of the shop which had been closed as a mark of respect. Kerry-Anne Donner, 22, a fashion student from Tel Aviv, said: "I rushed here as soon as I heard the news. I am devastated. Every stitch I own is Versace".

Robin Dutt, 35, a freelance stylist and fashion writer heard the news as he was shopping in New Bond Street. "I met Versace a couple of times. He always struck me as a larger than life character, quite fearsome in a way, dark and brooding," he said. He added: "When someone like that dies it leaves a vacuum. He was not to everyone's taste and but he did things with a boldness and a brashness. You felt like you knew him well through his clothes."

When Versace first appeared on the staid Milan fashion scene in the late 1970s, he made some wince with his bright colors and hip-hugging styles. But the son of a seamstress soon became a favorite with rock and film stars, who loved his ritzy, glitzy clothes. Whether the company can keep generating the glitz without Versace, who was fatally shot Tuesday, is up for debate.

Much speculation will fall on the designer's immediate family: His brother, Santo, is president of the company and his sister, Donatella, helped develop the Versus line.

Santo "has to prove himself next year," said fashion industry consultant Michael Swift.

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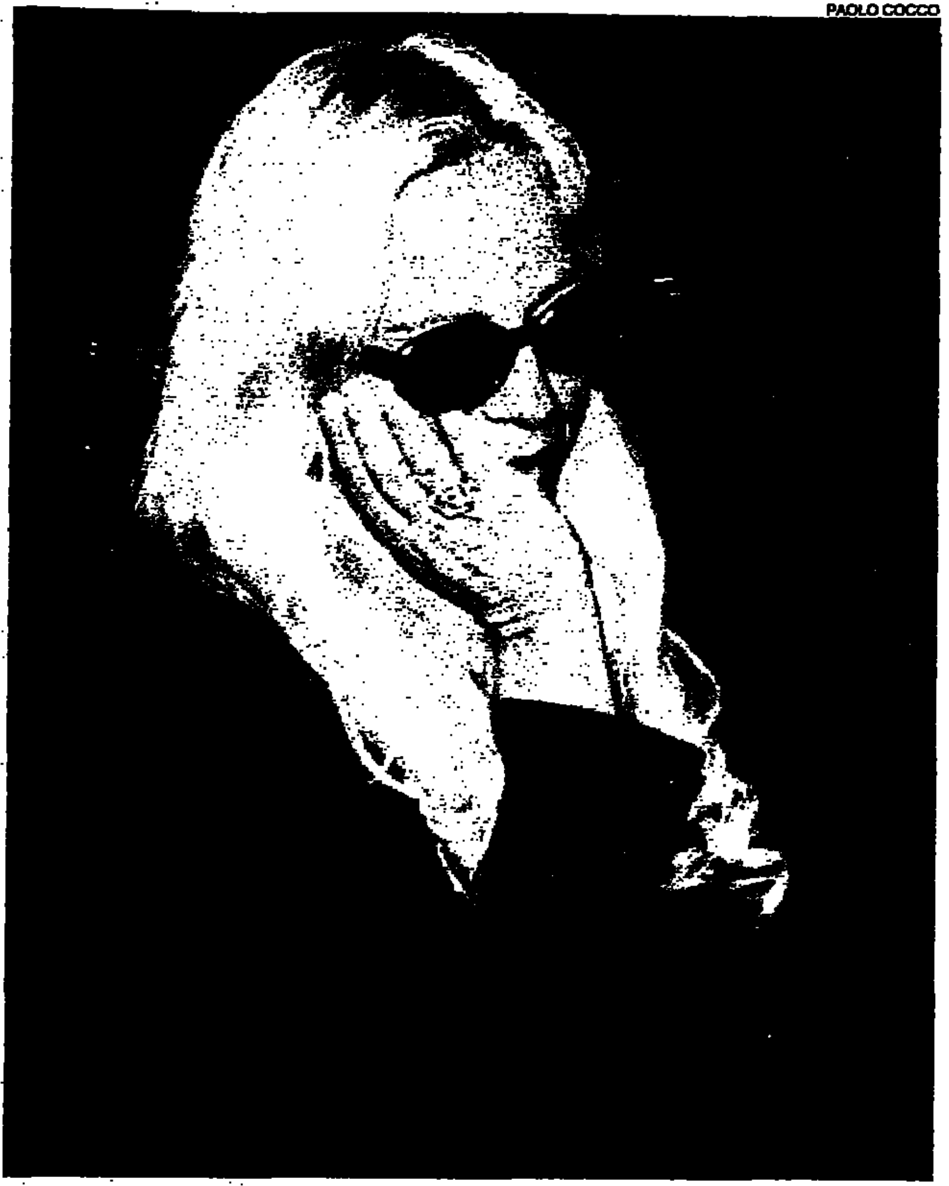

Donatella Versace, the designer's sister, leaving a hotel in Rome yesterday

Model of style: Gianni Versace with Claudia Schiffer and Naomi Campbell

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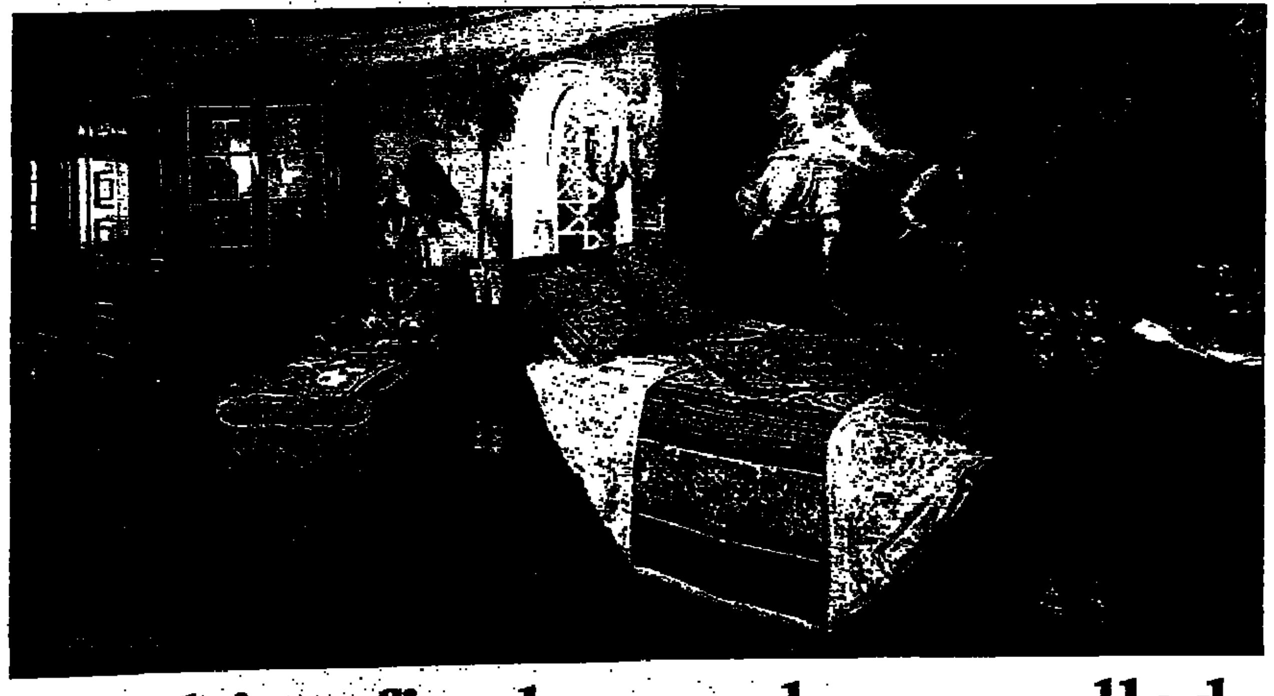
Versace with his brother Santo, top left, and sister, Donatella, bottom left, and their families. His home in Miami, above right and below, was furnished in the extravagant style for which he became famous



Fashion finale may be cancelled

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

TOP models in Rome were last night reluctant to go ahead with the finale of the annual *haute couture* shows on the Spanish Steps tonight.

The Rome Chamber of Fashion Designers and the Rome Chamber of Commerce were meeting to consider cancelling *Donne Sotto le Stelle* (Women Under The Stars) after the murder of Gianni Versace. There were also reports that RAI, the state-run television, was considering cancelling coverage if the event went ahead.

The main Italian homosexual rights group, Arcigay, announced that it was in mourning for Versace, who has been described by Franco Grillini, the group's president, as a hero for having been one of the first homosexuals among Italian public figures to make known his sexual orientation. Signor Grillini speculated that the murder could have been the work of religious fanatics in America.

Giorgio Napolitano, the Interior Minister, said Italian investigators were trying to determine the exact circumstances of the killing in collaboration with American counterparts. "One fact is certain," he said. "In the United States, as in Europe, there is a great deal of violence, even if the causes of crime are different."

The designer's sister, Donatella, and his brother, Santo, who ran the business side of the Versace empire, left for Miami yesterday after learning of his death.

The Versace empire was caught up in the *Mani Pulite* (Clean Hands) crackdown of the early 1990s on routine corruption in Italian civic life, and Santo Versace is appealing against a conviction for bribing tax inspectors in a case that implicated several of Italy's prominent fashion designers. His younger brother was not charged in the case.

The murder of Gianni Versace is the second death of a major Italian player in the world of *haute couture* in almost as many years. In March, 1995, the fashion magnate Maurizio Gucci was shot dead as he arrived for work at his office in Milan. His two assassins made their escape in rush-hour traffic.

Initially, detectives believed the Mafia might have been responsible. However, last February, Maurizio's ex-wife Patrizzia Reggiani was arrested and charged with the murder.

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Royal date for golden couples whose love lasted

Survival secrets of 50-year marriages varied at a special party. **Alan Hamilton** and **Mark Henderson** report

EIGHT thousand survivors of one of life's challenges joined the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh at a special garden party in the grounds of Buckingham Palace yesterday, with no simple formula for staying married for half a century.

In the postwar austerity of 1947, Princess Elizabeth married Lt Philip Mountbatten, RN, handsome but essentially penniless war hero, at Westminster Abbey. To mark their golden wedding, they invited all surviving 1947 couples to apply to join them in the palace grounds.

Of 400,000 couples married in that year, 40,000 applied, and were whittled down in ballots held by lord lieutenants in individual counties. Unsuccessul applicants were sent a royal message of congratulation.

Yesterday's party, blessed with warm, dry weather, was conducted rather more informally than the usual events on the palace lawn. The Queen and the Duke spent longer mingling with the crowds on the lawn as they made their way to the tea tent, where they had a private meeting with 17 couples who married on the same day as themselves — November 20.

No agreed formula emerged for staying together. Tommy Lee, 74, and his wife Dorothy, 71, from Cardiff, said: "You have to have a good row now and again. It clears the air and lets you get on with loving each other."

Beverley McKever, 74, and her husband Jimmy, 77, from Glasgow, were not sure of the reason for their success. Mrs McKever said she had never looked at another man since meeting her husband when she tripped over a ledge at the printing company where they both worked. But Mr McKever, a veteran of Dunkirk, confessed: "I still look after a nice bit of leg from time to time."

Mrs McKever interrupted to insist that he could not do that, as she was the boss. "What is really important is that you marry the person you love. If you don't, like Princess Margaret, look how you land up. I felt so sorry for her as she was stopped from marrying the man in her life."

Many couples from the Commonwealth attended the party. Michael Szumlanski, 74, and his wife Joyce, 68, from Ontario, met at the end of the war, she a nurse and he a serviceman being treated for a war wound. Mr Szumlanski said: "I kept badgering her to marry me, but she always said she had to ask her parents. Eventaully, on 8 July 1947, Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip announced their engagement, and that persuaded her."

Edward and Winifred Holden from Bingley, Yorkshire, met on a blind date at an RAF camp near Blackpool during the war. "I always remembered the advice the vicar gave me, but it was wrong," Mr Holden said. "He said it had to be 50-50 all the time. He was nearly right, but 75-25 to the wife is always going to work better."

Colin and Freda Smith, from Sutton Coldfield, said they had never had a serious row. "We didn't just jump into it like kids do today," Mr Smith said. We were courting for two years, and engaged for two. Mrs Smith added: "When you were young in our day, if it didn't work out, you had to work at it or go back to your mum, who wouldn't have you. Girls today have so much more freedom. That's why so many marriages fail."

For the Queen and Prince Philip, whose record of marriage is better than that of any of their children, celebrations continue later in the year. On 19 November, Tony Blair will host a government lunch for them in the Banqueting House, Whitehall, followed by a gala concert in the Royal Festival Hall.

The following day — the anniversary of their marriage — the royal couple will attend a thanksgiving service in Westminster Abbey, followed by a walkabout, a lunch given by the Lord Mayor of London at Guildhall, and an evening dance at Windsor Castle.

Other planned events include a reception in November to mark the completion of restoration work after the Windsor Castle fire, with 1,500 contractors, craftsmen, and others associated with the work as guests, and a lunch in the House of Lords in December given by the Privy Council.

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PETER NICHOLLS

Their day in the sun: romance still blossoms among couples at the Buckingham Palace garden party yesterday

But we won't be happy ever after in 2047

By Ian Murray

FIFTY years from now, barely 33,000 couples are forecast to reach their golden wedding anniversary, compared with this year's estimated 112,000.

The main reason is that there are only three quarters as many marriages, and not only are they much more likely to end in divorce, but many are taking place later in life, often among people marrying for a second time.

When she walked down the aisle, the Queen was 21, which was the average age for brides in 1947. The average now is 23. In 1947, more than 85 per cent of the brides and grooms were marrying for the first time, compared with 71 per cent today.

There were more than 400,000 marriages in 1947, and about 28 per cent have survived 50 years. Fewer than 300,000 couples will marry this year, and only 11 per cent are expected to be together in 50 years, on current trends. Of those married in 1947, ten per cent have divorced. Of those who marry today, ten per cent will have divorced within five years.

Marjorie Thoburn, head of services to couples at Relate, the national marriage guidance council, said that couples now enter marriage with a totally different perspective: "Women came out of war work looking for security and wanting to raise a family. Fifty years ago, they lacked the money and opportunites to leave the marriage. Nowadays expectations of lifestyle are higher because of the influence of television.

"Things so often go wrong because couples don't seem to realise that we all change as we get older, and we have to go on adapting. We have had a number of years when 'I want it now' has been the order of the day. Maybe we don't have the wherewithal to realise that there ain't no such thing as the ideal perfect marriage. We have to modify our expectations to stay together."

The figures ignore the increasing number of people who are choosing to live together. One in five of nonmarried men and women were cohabiting in 1993, compared with one in seven ten years earlier. One in five of the relationships has lasted for at least seven years.

By the 2040s, there could be a call for golden non-wedding cards.

Wall row ends with £280,000 bill for taxpayer

By A Staff Reporter

AN EIGHT-YEAR dispute between neighbours over a collapsed garden wall was finally settled in the Court of Appeal yesterday, at a cost of about £280,000 to the Legal Aid Fund.

Lord Justice Mummery spoke before giving judgment about his disappointment that an action had been pursued where the legal costs "far exceeded" the price of any damages that could have been claimed.

Donald and Audrey Perrin, a retired couple, spent their life savings of £80,000 on lawyers' and surveyors' bills after they were accused by neighbours of undermining a 100-year-old boundary wall with work on their bungalow.

They were granted legal aid last week when their savings ran out so that they could be represented at the appeal. The judges found that the Perrins had nothing to do with damage to the 40ft-long brick wall. They granted an order for costs which means the couple can reclaim the money spent on the appeal and earlier hearings from the neighbours, Richard and Alex Martin, who were on legal aid.

Lord Justice Simon Brown said: "Alas, the burden must fall on to the legal aid fund."

Mr and Mrs Perrin, of Brading, Isle of Wight, yesterday put up Union Jacks and a sign saying "We've Won", but victory was not entirely sweet. Mrs Perrin, 69, a retired hotelier and former mayor, said they would be selling their home to find somewhere "more peaceful".

"We have had to live with this nightmare for eight years. I am relieved that we have not been left destitute, but this has upset me so much I do not wish to stay here," she said. Mr and Mrs Martin, also retired, were not available for comment yesterday.

The wall was damaged during the 1987 hurricane. At Newport County Court last year the Martins were awarded £500 damages and the costs of replacing the wall against Henry and Patricia Butcher, who built the bungalow and sold it to the Perrins in 1988 for £96,000.

Judge Arthur Mildon ruled there should be no order against the Perrins after finding that they had done nothing to undermine the foundations of the wall. The Martins appealed against his order, claiming that the wall's foundations were further undermined when the Perrins built a greenhouse next to it.

Ken McEwan, the Perrins' solicitor, said after the hearing: "My clients did not receive any help until their funds had been entirely exhausted by this action. The entire costs of the hearings will now fall on the Legal Aid Fund. We are talking about a figure of around £280,000."

Mrs James: concerned about animals' safety

Farm gate leads to a beastly dispute

By Paul Wilkinson

A HIGH COURT judge will shortly be asked to decide who owns a roadside grass verge. Does it belong to the senior Barclays Bank executive whose detached house lies at the end of the private road? Or is it the property of the farmer whose land borders the lane on both sides?

Ken James, 49, and his wife Dorothy, 48, believe the fate of their farm could hang on the court's decision, for it will determine whether a gate which keeps their stock off the main road can stay.

They say that over the past four years they have spent £10,000 on legal fees in argument with their neighbour, Bill Dempster, a Barclays area corporate manager based at Newcastle upon Tyne. Part of their court claim is £5,500 which, they say, was the cost of 800 yards of fencing they erected along the road and which, it is alleged, was torn down in 1993 by Mr Dempster's men.

The row flared up again last week when police escorted workmen sent to remove the gate at the end of the lane at Cramlington, Northumberland. Mrs James said: "The policeman said Bill Dempster had sent a letter authorising the removal of our stock-proof gate. He was there to make sure it happened without any problems."

Her husband said: "For a senior bank official to act like this over a gate and some fencing is incredible. To people on the outside this must look ridiculous, but to us it has become very nasty and very bitter."

Mr Dempster and his wife Anthea have put their £275,000 home up for sale. He said: "I own the road and I also own the gateway, but it was not me who tried to have it removed, although I was asked about my ownership of it."

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Killings by mentally ill 'will continue'

Tragedies will recur unless care in community is improved, **Alexandra Frean** reports

KILLINGS and assaults by mentally ill people will continue unless care in the community is improved, leading mental health campaigners said yesterday.

The warning followed the publication of two independent inquiries which concluded that poor communications between caring agencies and inadequate training were partly responsible for violent acts by two mental patients.

A report by Croydon Health Authority into the case of Gilbert Kopernik-Steckel, who twice discharged himself from a psychiatric hospital, against medical advice, stabbed his mother to death and committed suicide, blamed "an overwhelming failure of communications" between carers. Terry Hanafin, chief executive of the health authority, said that the deaths "could have been prevented". Marjorie Wallace, chief executive of the mental health charity SANE, said that the case was the worst of its kind she had encountered.

Steckel, 33, an architect, was informally admitted to the mental health unit of the Mayday Hospital in Thornton Heath, south London in January 1996. He walked out the next day but asked to resume treatment a day later. Later that day he again discharged himself and returned home to South Norwood, where he stabbed his mother and cut his own throat. Mrs Steckel, 57, a teacher, had telephoned the hospital for help before the attack.

The Croydon report recommended that an out-of-hours crisis service be set up to cope with cases, such as Steckel's, which reached a head during weekends or evenings.

Ms Wallace said: "Although [Steckel] was experiencing an acute and dangerous psychotic episode, not one of 15 people concerned with his care over three days, including four psychiatrists and two social service teams, seemed able to prevent the tragedy."

A separate inquiry published yesterday by Birmingham Health Authority and Birmingham City Council into the police shooting of a mentally ill man who held a supermarket manager hostage at knifepoint exonerated the professionals responsible for his care. David Howell was shot by police last November two days after failing to take a monthly injection to suppress his schizophrenia.

The report made 14 recommendations about improving care, suggesting that the social services department and mental health trusts consider ways of closer collaboration "to ensure there is no danger of duplication or the passing of responsibility". An earlier inquest into the case found that West Midlands Police had used reasonable force against Mr Howell.

Ms Wallace said: "Inquiry after inquiry show that lessons have not been learnt and that new measures are vital to ensure immediate care and treatment for those who need it, when they need it." She said that emergency procedures for admitting mentally ill patients who could be a danger to themselves or to others needed to be simplified and speeded up, and that it should be made compulsory for different agencies to inform each other of the full case histories of such patients.

She criticised the prevailing ideology among carers, which appeared to put the civil liberties of mentally ill patients before the safety of the general public.

40 inquiries under way into blunders

The subjects of extensive inquiry: Christopher Clunis, Anthony Smith, Wayne Hutchinson, Darren Carr and Stephen Laudat

THERE are about 40 inquiries into mental health blunders under way at any one time. Their purpose is to reassure the public and to make recommendations about how the system can be improved.

The inquiries, usually chaired by QCs or eminent doctors, almost always reach similar conclusions about poor communications between agencies, lack of leadership and poor resources. They rarely result in sackings and their findings are not collated by any central government agency.

Recent inquiries include:

☐ **Christopher Clunis** stabbed Jonathan Zito to death in December 1992. The inquiry report in February 1994 said that police, social workers, psychiatrists, the Crown Prosecution Service, hostel staff and the probation service must share the blame.

☐ **Andrew Robinson** stabbed Georgina Robinson, no relation, an occupational therapist, in Torquay, Devon, in September 1993. An inquiry said doctors had ignored Robinson's violent behaviour for 15 years and placed too much emphasis on the civil liberties of patients.

☐ **Martin Mursell**, a 28-year-old paranoid schizophrenic, stabbed his stepfather to death in a frenzied knife attack and left his mother barely alive on 28 October 1994.

An inquiry ordered by Camden and Islington Health Authority said that Mursell had been failed by care professionals in a "fundamental and depressing way".

☐ **Stephen Laudat**, 26, a schizophrenic, stabbed stranger Bryan Bennett, 59, in a frenzied attack at a centre for mental patients in Newham, east London, in July 1994. An inquiry called for closer co-operation between health and local authorities.

☐ **Wayne Hutchinson**, a paranoid schizophrenic who was released by mistake, killed two and injured three in Brixton, south London, over Christmas 1994. Lambeth Community Care Trust ordered an inquiry, which is due to report this year.

☐ **Darren Carr** set fire to the house of Susan Hearmon, where he was employed as a childminder, killing her and her two daughters, Kylie, six, and Julie Anne, four, on 26 June 1995. An inquiry commissioned by Berkshire Social Services, Oxfordshire Health Authority and Oxford Social Services, published last month called for more medium-secure beds.

☐ **Anthony Smith**, 24, stabbed his mother and 11-year-old half brother to death in 1995 a month after discharging himself from hospital. An inquiry ordered by Southern Derbyshire Health Trust balmed weak communications and a lack of a clear chain of responsibility among Smith's carers.

Other inquiry reports published in 1997:

☐ **Evan Barry** killed his estranged wife Susan in April 1996. Bromley Health Authority published report in April 1997.

☐ **Peter Winship** killed his father in July 1996. Nottingham Health Authority report published June 1997.

☐ **Paul Smith** killed his mother's boyfriend John McCluskey in November 1995. North West Anglia Health Authority report published July 1997.

Reports pending:

☐ **Ann Murrie** killed unknown victim in February 1994. Anglia and Oxford NHS region inquiry opened May 1996.

☐ **Richard Linford** killed Christopher Edwards in November 1994 in Chelmsford prison. Inquiry still sitting.

☐ **Peter Horrod** killed his wife Brenda in May 1995. Anglia and Harbours NHS have ordered an inquiry.

☐ **Norman Dunn** killed his mother Eileen McLachlan in July 1995. Inquiry ordered by Newcastle Health Authority.

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Junk mail rings a bell

FOR three days David Petty was haunted by a mysterious ringing. The sound of a telephone interrupted his work, ruined attempts to watch television, disrupted meals, intruded into his sleep and upset his pet rabbit (Lin Jenkins writes).

In search of the source, Mr Petty, 70, dismantled his telephone, disconnected his computer, combed his house during the night and contacted BT and a cable telephone company that had installed new equipment outside. The ringing continued.

Exhausted by lack of sleep, he contacted the cable company again. When he held the telephone receiver aloft the employee at the other end recognised it as a ringing mailshot sent out to advertise the firm's telephone service.

The mailshot contained a microchip which emitted the sound of a telephone when the card was opened. Peace returned when Mr Petty tracked it down among a pile of correspondence under his computer keyboard.

"It was an enormous relief. But I was annoyed to discover that it was all down to a piece of junk mail, which I did not want anyway," Mr Petty, of Ipswich, said. "The shrill noise went on 24 hours a day."

Marjorie McFarlane, of East Coast Cable, said thousands of the mailshots had been sent. "We have had a few negative comments, mostly from people leaving the card open accidentally."

Boy caught E. coli from farm goat

By Ian Murray
MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

A BOY of 4 who is critically ill with *E. coli* caught it from a goat at a farm park where children pet the animals. The farm is a popular venue for school trips.

The goat has been destroyed after being found responsible for the infection. Two other children suffered a mild form after visiting the farm at Hertsmere, near Harrow, north London. The owners are keeping the site closed to the public until tests prove that it has been disinfected.

It is normally visited by about 112,000 children a year. The boy is in Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children, where his condition is described as critical but stable.

After he fell ill, DNA tests on the farm's goats, lambs and calves found that one goat was carrying the bacteria. The farm does not produce food, and it is likely that the three who became ill either touched the infected goat or another animal which had droppings on its coat.

A spokesman from the Health and Safety Executive said: "*E. coli* is incredibly easy to catch and it is necessary to scrub your hands for at least four minutes after touching an infected animal. Teachers and parents taking children to this sort of place need to be very aware of the dangers. If they plan to have a picnic on the farm they must ensure that nobody eats until they have scrubbed their hands."

A joint statement by West Hertfordshire, Barnet, Brent and Harrow Health Authorities, Hertsmere Borough Council and the Health and Safety Executive said there was no suggestion that the farm did not have adequate precautions, but further expert opinion was being sought.

The infection is different from the one behind the recent fatal outbreak in Scotland, which was caused by eating meat containing the bacteria.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Dead girl's award to be challenged

A health authority has won the right to reclaim compensation paid to a disabled girl who died eight days after winning the settlement. A High Court judge granted Nottingham Health Authority leave to appeal against the award.

Hollie Calladine, 9, was left with a mental age of a few months after being starved of oxygen at birth. She died following a bout of epilepsy in May after the £700,000 award ended a nine-year legal battle. The authority sought a ruling on part of the award made for long-term care.

Shelf life

A shoplifter who admitted stealing a chicken and a bottle of wine asked Gloucester magistrates to consider 2,300 offences after his flat was found piled high with food. Andrew Rickards, 39, a factory worker, was remanded on bail for psychiatric reports.

Launderette blast

Eight people were injured after an explosion and fire at a launderette in Cheadle, Staffordshire. The building was gutted and flames spread to parked cars. Three people were being treated last night for severe burns and one was in critical condition.

Sex-change case

Transsexuals have won the legal right to challenge sex discrimination at work. The Employment Appeal Tribunal made the ruling after a sex-change woman's claim of harassment was referred to it by to an industrial tribunal.

Car hits nurses

Three 19-year-old nursery nurses on a sponsored walk in memory of a friend who died of meningitis were seriously injured near Littlehampton, West Sussex, when they were hit by a car which skidded on oil and mounted the pavement.

Cats rescued

Jan Webb and her husband, Ady, who adopted a stray cat and three kittens while holidaying in Greece, brought them to Swindon, Wiltshire, at a cost of nearly £3,000 for quarantine and innoculations.

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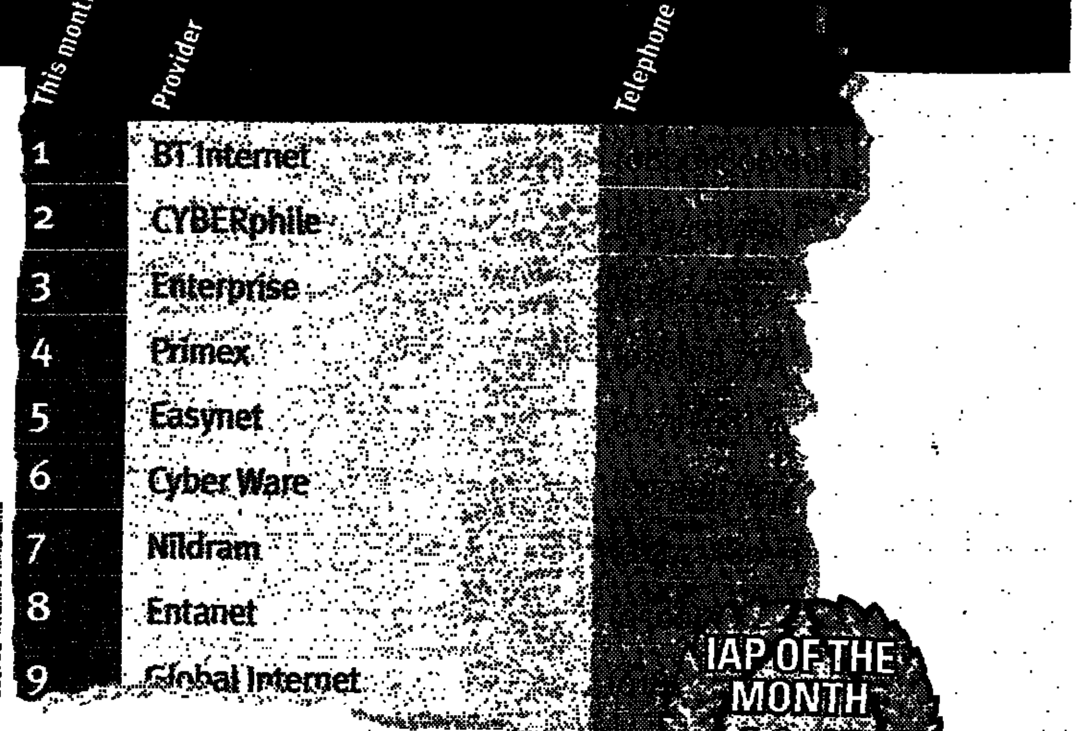

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Andrews denies inventing story of road-rage killing

Joanna Bale hears accusations of deceit and temper

TRACIE ANDREWS, who repeatedly denied yesterday that she stabbed her fiancé to death with a penknife after a blazing row, was described in court as a woman of deceit with a vicious temper.

On her second day in the witness box, Miss Andrews remained composed under close questioning by David Crigman, QC, about the roadside murder of Lee Harvey. She denied accusations that she had made up a story that Mr Harvey had been killed during a road rage incident, and that she had based it on a row she had in the past.

In front of a packed public gallery at Birmingham Crown Court, Mr Crigman said: "You and Lee had a row. You both stormed out of the car to the back of the car and you had an almighty set-to. In the course of it you got a penknife and you stabbed him time and time again."

Miss Andrews, 28, replied: "No, I did not."

Mr Crigman said that it had been estimated that she and Mr Harvey had been at the murder scene, a country lane near their home in Alvechurch, Hereford and Worcester, for 17 minutes. The first person on the scene had been a man who came out of a nearby cottage to get into his car.

Mr Crigman said: "For any of that 17 minutes, did you make the slightest attempt to alert the occupants of that house?" Miss Andrews replied: "It wasn't until the light came on [outside the house] that I was able to shout for help . . . Lee was lying on the ground. I did not want to leave him."

Mr Crigman: "If you did not want to leave him, why didn't you put your hand on the horn?" Miss Andrews: "I don't know."

Mr Crigman asked Miss Andrews to account for Mr Harvey's blood on the road at the back of the car, several feet from where he was found dead. Miss Andrews: "I didn't see Lee get stabbed. I didn't know anything about him going to the back of the car."

Mr Crigman: "You did see him at the back of the car because that's where you were stabbing him." Miss Andrews: "I did not see Lee at the back of the car. I was not stabbing him."

Mr Crigman: "How did he get the wounds in his back? You have only ever spoken of the man attacking him to his face." Miss Andrews: "That's all I saw."

Tracie Andrews arriving at the court yesterday

Earlier, Mr Crigman accused Miss Andrews of changing her story about the route that she and Mr Harvey had taken on their way home from the pub that they had visited on the night he was killed. He said to her: "You are a woman of considerable deceit aren't you, Miss Andrews?" She replied: "No, I'm not."

She said that she found it hard to show the police the route she and Mr Harvey had taken because it brought back bad memories. Mr Crigman: "You were shocked at the realisation at how vicious your temper had become, weren't you?" Miss Andrews: "I have not got a vicious temper."

He asked her about a series of violent rows that she and Mr Harvey had had in the months before his death. She admitted that she had bitten Mr Harvey's neck during a row in a nightclub in which he held one of her wrists and refused to let go.

Mr Crigman: "When your teeth were in his neck, how did you feel about him?" Miss Andrews: "I was angry with him." Mr Crigman: "It must require a real intensity of feeling to put your teeth into someone's neck. It's no mild emotion, is it?" Miss Andrews: "People do do things. Lee has done things to me."

Mr Crigman: "It was exactly the same intensity, but magnified by everything that followed, that led you to put a knife in his neck, isn't it?" Miss Andrews: "No."

Mr Crigman accused Miss Andrews of basing her "fictitious" story about the road rage incident on real experiences. He said: "You invent people and then you introduce bits and pieces of your life experience." He described an incident in which she had argued with another driver after colliding with the back of his parked car. "This is what you used as your little fiction base." Miss Andrews: "There is nothing of any similarity whatsoever."

She said that the male friend who was in her car on that occasion had got out to argue. She denied that she had driven off with the other driver clinging to the bonnet. She admitted that Mr Harvey had once owned a black F-registered Ford Orion and said it was "just circumstantial" that the man she had alleged killed him last December was in a black F-registered Ford Sierra.

The trial continues.

CHRIS HARRIS

Policemen on duty outside Downing Street acted to avert any threat from Humphrey the cat yesterday after a duck and her brood from St James's Park took a wrong turning and ended up outside No 10, where Humphrey lives

Unruly brood ducks out of No 10

By Michael Horsnell

A DUCK and her 17 ducklings severely tested Downing Street security yesterday after losing their way.

The duck had taken a wrong turning in St James's Park, missing the path to Duck Island at the eastern end of the lake, before bringing traffic to a halt by crossing Horse Guards Road with her brood in single file.

Oblivious to the threat from Humphrey, the No 10 cat, who has been alleged to have a taste for ducks, mother and family then waddled up the driveway at the back of the Foreign Office, and ended up climbing the stone steps at the rear of the most famous street in the capital, some 200 yards from home.

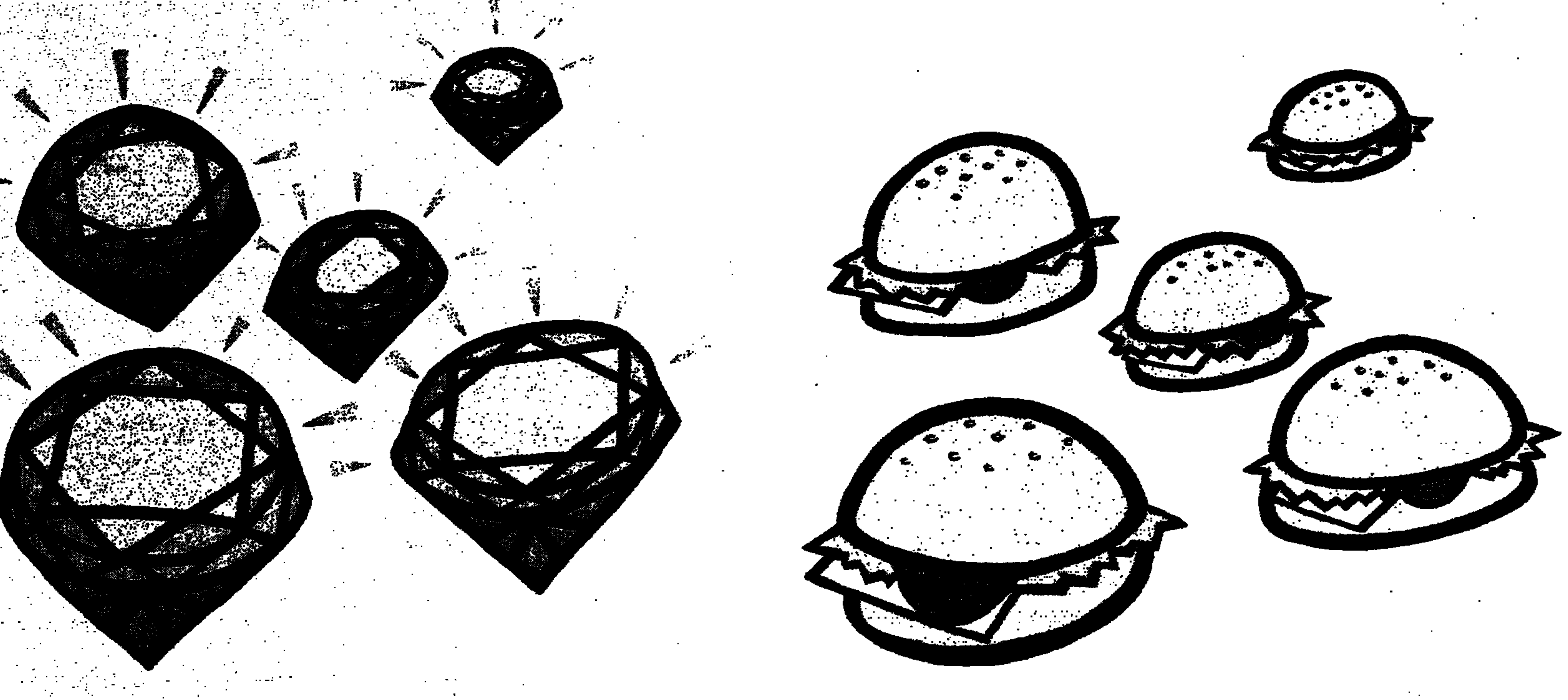
Fearing that mother and ducklings would perish under the wheels of the traffic, if not Humphrey's jaws, if they carried on into Whitehall, officers from the Diplomatic Protection Group on duty outside No 10 took immediate action.

For ten minutes they ran around outside the famous black door, trying to catch the anxious family one by one in their helmets.

One officer said: "It wasn't very dignified but all in the line of duty. The first thing we all said to each other was 'Oh no, where's Humphrey?' Fortunately he was nowhere to be seen."

The ducks were handed over to a park warden who took them back to the park in a cardboard box.

A spokesman for the Royal Parks said: "Humphrey often comes uninvited into St James's Park. We certainly do not encourage him. Our ducks have to be protected. "We have our own cat, Scrounger, who normally manages to keep him at a certain distance. That's how we like him."



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Minister presses French to step up Caroline inquiry

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL AND JANE MARRIOTT

Caroline: murdered in a Brittany youth hostel

A FOREIGN Office minister yesterday promised the parents of Caroline Dickinson her personal support in pressing the French to discover who murdered their schoolgirl daughter.

Baroness Symons of Vernham Dean spent 90 minutes with John Dickinson and his former wife Sue. Friday is the anniversary of 13-year-old Caroline's rape and suffocation during a school trip to Brittany.

Lady Symons said later: "I told them that they were not alone and that I shall do everything I can to help them. As a first step. I am instructing the British Ambassador to hand over a letter from me to the French authorities. I shall continue to take a close personal interest in the matter."

She said that her letter will question the progress of the investigation and how it would be pursued. The Government was "fully involved" in the matter.

"The letter will not be critical of the French system or individuals." Lady Symons said. "But we would like to see resources concentrated very firmly on what actually happened on that dreadful night, and how they do that is a matter for the French Government." Mr Dickinson. 41, an environmental health officer from Bodmin, Cornwall, said the time might have come to replace Gerard Zaug, the magistrate who is in charge of the investigation.

"We are frustrated that all our attempts to improve the investigation and gain answers to our many questions have been unsuccessful," he said. He called for more DNA tests on men in the area.

M Zaug yesterday told the newspaper *Ouest-France* that he had "no reason to hand the inquiry to anyone else other than the gendarmes". Measures taken by investigators in the hours after the murder "allowed the forensic doctors to work well and obtain precise samples of unquestionable quality".

Herve Rouzad-le-Boeuf, the Dickinsons' French lawyer, said that although the French Government had no power to intervene, he hoped that indirect pressure could be brought to bear on the local authorities.

Caroline was killed on July 18 last year while sharing a room with four other pupils from Launceston Community College at a youth hostel in the village of Pleine Fougères. Mr Dickinson urged holidaymakers to boycott youth hostels in Brittany while the killer was on the loose.

He said that he and Mrs Dickinson were heartened by Lady Symons's concern. "I was very, very pleased with the meeting and how it progressed, and there was obviously very genuine concern by Lady Symons as to our situation.

"With regard to the gendarmerie investigation, we feel that a key problem is the element of secrecy which surrounds the inquiry, together with the known blunders which initially beset the case." There was a lack of confidence in the competence of the magistrate.

Paul Tyler, the couple's Liberal Democrat MP, said: "Not just the family but everybody has been subject to an information blackout."

Paul and Sue Dickinson outside the Foreign Office yesterday with their MP, Paul Tyler, and their lawyer, Herve Rouzad-le-Boeuf

Joanna's killing unsolved

FRENCH police investigating the murder seven years ago of Joanna Parrish, a 20-year-old French language student, have carried out DNA tests on five suspects, but all proved negative.

Her father, Roger Parrish, welcomed news of the development as an indication of progress in the case. He said it was only the second communication the family had had from the French authorities since his daughter's death.

Mr Parrish, a civil servant from Newnham in Gloucestershire, is pressing for more tests on people whose names have been given to him as a result of appeals he made on French television. "There is more than one name we are suggesting, but there is one individual in particular we want them to investigate," he said.

Miss Parrish's body was found on May 17, 1990, in the River Yonne in Auxerre, Burgundy, where she had been staying in connection with her studies.

She had been sexually assaulted and strangled after placing an advertisement in a newspaper offering English lessons.

It is believed her killer was a man who answered the advertisement and made an appointment to meet her.

Always is not for ever as musical flop folds

BY CAROL MIDGLEY
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

ALWAYS, the £3 million West End musical slated by the critics, is to close after six weeks. The demise of the show, about Edward VIII's romance with Wallis Simpson, will increase concern about the long-term future of the big stage musical, voiced recently by Lord Lloyd-Webber.

Audiences had fallen to less than half capacity for the show, which had to run for 24 weeks to break even. The cast were said to be in shock. A spokesman for the show said that losses were "significant", but it was difficult to say how much because the production may go on tour abroad where costs will be recouped.

Always, which stars the Three Degrees singer Sheila Ferguson, Clive Carter and Jan Hartley, was panned by the critics. One accused it of "buttock-clenching comic awfulness" and added: "*Always* won't give Andrew Lloyd-Webber and Cameron Mackintosh many sleepless nights. I expect to see it abdicate from the London stage very soon."

The show closes on July 26 and will be replaced by Jerry Lewis's *Damn Yankees* on September 25.

Man of 26 dies after contracting chickenpox

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A 26-YEAR-OLD man has died in hospital after contracting chickenpox. Alex Dearden suffered multiple organ failure after his GP confirmed that the spots which appeared on his face a month ago were a case of the childhood disease.

Mr Dearden, a sales representative in Halifax, west Yorkshire, developed septicaemia and a lung infection 24 hours later. He was admitted to Burnley General Hospital, but his condition worsened and he was transferred to a specialist unit at St James's Hospital in Leeds.

Last week Mr Dearden, a single father with a two-year-old son, developed a secondary infection and died of heart failure. His mother, Carol Dearden, said: "Everyone laughed at him when the spots first came out. He even laughed at himself. Then he started coughing blood. Everybody knows that when an adult gets a childhood illness you will be very poorly. But you think it would be like flu."

Howard Barnes, a consultant with Calderdale and Kirklees Health Authority, said it was very rare for anyone to die from chickenpox, or for an adult to develop the disease.

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Student in sex case had made earlier claim

Woman accusing professor of harassment had rejected lie detector test in other complaint. **Kathryn Knight** reports

A STUDENT who accused a philosophy professor of indecently assaulting her after a garden party had made a similar allegation against a man in America three years earlier, a court was told yesterday.

Miss Y, who together with her friend, Miss X, alleges that John Cottingham kissed and fondled them in his teaching room at Reading University, had complained to police of being sexually assaulted while on holiday in 1993. Reading Crown Court was told that the case was dropped after the student, now 24, refused to participate in a lie-detector test. Under questioning from Sandra Stanfield, for the defence, Miss Y admitted she had made a complaint against a man she had met in a nightclub. Asked why she had refused to undergo a taped interview monitored by lie-detecting equipment, she said: "I speak the truth first and foremost and at that time I was alone in the US and I was really frightened. My parents were telling me to come home."

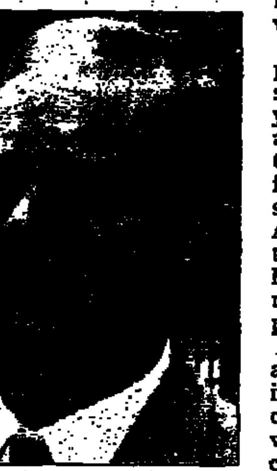
Miss Stanfield suggested to Miss Y that she was lying, as her brother was with her at the time. "We are not particularly close," Miss Y replied. She denied she had made a complaint of indecent assault in England a few years earlier.

The jury has been told that Professor Cottingham, 53, a leading authority on Descartes, invited the two women, then aged 23 and 21, to his room after meeting them at a garden party last year. He had kissed and fondled them after making references to owning a cane. He was alleged to have unzipped their dresses and touched their breasts, removing Miss Y's bra and tights.

Asked why at no point had she asked him to stop, Miss Y said both she and Miss X were shocked and frightened, and thought they were locked in his room. "We were petrified. He had been talking about canes and whips and chains. We were worried about getting out of the room alive. He had been talking about de Sade, and the only thing I knew about him was he was a pervert who killed people."

Miss Stanfield said that in Miss Y's statement to the police, given an hour after the alleged incident, there was no mention of her fear that the door was locked, or of Professor Cottingham saying he had a cane.

Miss Y said she had been shocked and confused at the time and had been unable to remember every detail. She had found that some missing links had since come back to her.



Cottingham: a leading authority on Descartes

"Is that why in your statement you said you had no idea how your brassière came to be off or your tights removed?" Miss Stanfield asked. Miss Y replied: "Yes".

Miss Stanfield suggested that the friends had performed a "vamping act" like a "teasing striptease" to titillate the professor. She put it to Miss Y that she had kissed Miss X, saying they were interested in sex of all kinds and had had hundreds of men. Miss Y shook her head and said that was not true.

Earlier, under examination by Simon Draycott, for the prosecution, Miss Y compared the incident to being in a car crash. "I felt as if I was in a car accident and everything was in slow motion. I didn't even feel I was there, it was as if it was happening to someone else. I was very shocked ... It was like my grandad or something."

Asked if she had welcomed Professor Cottingham's attentions, she replied: "Not at all. He was a lecturer and I had no reason not to respect any of my lecturers. I had no idea he was that way inclined."

The court also heard from a porter at the university who said he had heard the two young women running along a corridor from Professor Cottingham's room and then found them in a distressed state while on his night patrol. Andrew Campbell said the two women had approached him saying they needed to retrieve some items from the professor's room.

"One was in a state, crying, a bit shaky. The other was also in a state but in a bit more control. At one point when I was talking to them they were clinging to one another, trying to comfort one another."

He said he had gone to the professor's office to retrieve some of the women's missing items and had picked up a bra, a pair of tights and black shoes. The professor had appeared "surprised and embarrassed". There was a bottle of whisky on the table and "there appeared to have been some kind of social occasion".

Shortly after escorting the women to the security office, a ruffled Professor Cottingham had approached him near the lodge. He had said: "Was there a problem? They were fine when they left."

Professor Cottingham denies two counts of indecent assault. The case continues.

CHRIS CLARK

Susan Constable yesterday: found her own man

Dating agency 'kept finding Mr Wrong for lonely widow'

By Gillian Bowditch, Scotland Correspondent

THE widow had a clear idea of the type of man she wanted to meet for a new relationship: a non-smoker, ideally living locally, and able to take her and her children out for drives in his car. In her search for Mr Right, it seemed a good idea to join a dating agency which promised to "take great care to study your individual requirements".

Instead, Susan Constable, 39, was offered a series of Mr Wrongs, a court was told yesterday. They included six heavy smokers, a man who could not drive because of his bad eyesight, and finally a man who lived almost 200 miles away and was scared of driving. When she complained, she says that the agency Initial Approach cancelled her membership and refused to give her a refund. Mrs Constable, from Greenloaning, Perthshire and Kinross, is now bringing a small claims action for her £376 fee. Her husband Peter, a surveyor, died three years ago from a brain tumour, leaving her with two children. Mrs Constable told Stirling Sheriff Court that the divorceé who ran the agency, Sandra Menoni, 47, had been charming when she joined.

"I filled in the form and said I wanted a non-smoker or an occasional smoker who lived near by or was prepared to drive to see me." She was sent about 14 profiles of potential companions, met five or six, and had a short relationship with one. "None of them was the kind of man I was looking for, and I don't think I was what they wanted either. I was offered six who were heavy smokers, another who lived in the north of Scotland and said he was too frightened to drive, and another had such bad eyesight that he couldn't see to drive. They were sending me details of men I had nothing in common with."

> ‘They sent me details of men I had nothing in common with’

A proportion of the membership fee was for social gatherings at which clients could meet. Mrs Constable said that she was unable to attend a Burns Supper because the weather was too bad and police were advising people to stay at home, but Mrs Menoni refused to refund the cost.

Mrs Constable, who represented herself in court, said: "I started in January last year and by August I had had enough. I asked them for a proportion of my money back, but they sent me a letter cancelling membership." She alleges that the terms of the contract were unfair because the company could cancel membership of anyone it deemed unsuitable without offering a refund. Sheriff Robert Younger heard that Initial Approach is being investigated by the Office of Fair Trading after a complaint. In its leaflets, the company says: "Initial Approach will take great care to study your individual requirements, considering the information you gave us in your personal profile."

Tom Murray, for the company, said it had fulfilled its obligation to provide four introductions over a year. The agency had made it clear that some were smokers.

The case was adjourned until August 12. Outside court, Mrs Constable said: "I hope if I win, it will encourage everybody else who is unhappy with the service dating agencies provide to fight back." She now has a relationship with a man she met independently.

Women shoppers attacked by Rolex robbers

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Correspondent

THREE businesswomen on a trip to London were attacked by a gang of "Rolex raiders" as they returned to their holiday flat from shopping in Harrods, Scotland Yard said yesterday.

One of the women was dragged along the ground as the robbers ripped a Rolex off her wrist. Another of the women was also attacked for her watch. The other woman escaped attack.

The gang fled with a Rolex watch worth £7,000, a second Rolex worth £2,000 and a handbag with £500 in cash. Their victims were treated for bruises, cuts and shock.

Scotland Yard has already warned shoppers in central London about the dangers of wearing expensive jewellery and watches in public places. Since last September there have been 250 attacks in central London, often involving gangs stalking victims. A team of 40 officers is working on the attacks.

In the latest robbery, two of the women are middle-aged and the third is in her twenties. The women, who were all Asians, came to London on holiday and business and stayed at the flat of friends in St John's Wood. The attack happened after the three women had spent Sunday afternoon shopping in Knightsbridge. They spent several hours at the Harrods sale and then travelled to Queensway for supper.

Police believe the women were probably targeted on the Underground at Queensway. The gang of five or six youths followed them on the Tube as they headed north. When the women got out at St John's Wood station, they came after them. As the women turned into the car park of the flats, the gang pounced. As they ran off, they discarded outer clothes to disguise themselves.

Four men were later arrested at South Hampstead railway station after police were alerted by a passing driver. Yesterday detectives said four men had been released on police bail, and appealed for witnesses.

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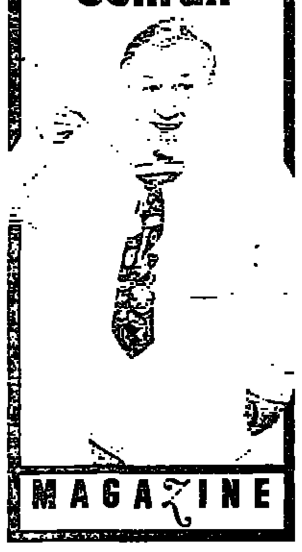


MAGAZINE

Britain promises action on beef at home and abroad

From Charles Bremner in Strasbourg

BRITAIN promised the European Union yesterday that it would crack down on beef exports in breach of the worldwide ban, but also gave warning that it would block imports from the Continent that failed to meet British standards.

Jack Cunningham, the Agriculture Minister, made the points to the European Parliament's BSE committee at a conciliatory session that broke with the hostility that coloured the previous Government's contacts with the body. Douglas Hogg, the previous minister, *refused to come to answer* the committee's questions.

"We are totally committed to the principles of openness and transparency," Dr Cunningham told the committee, which applauded his remarks. Lavishing compliments on key members, he also invited the committee to visit Britain.

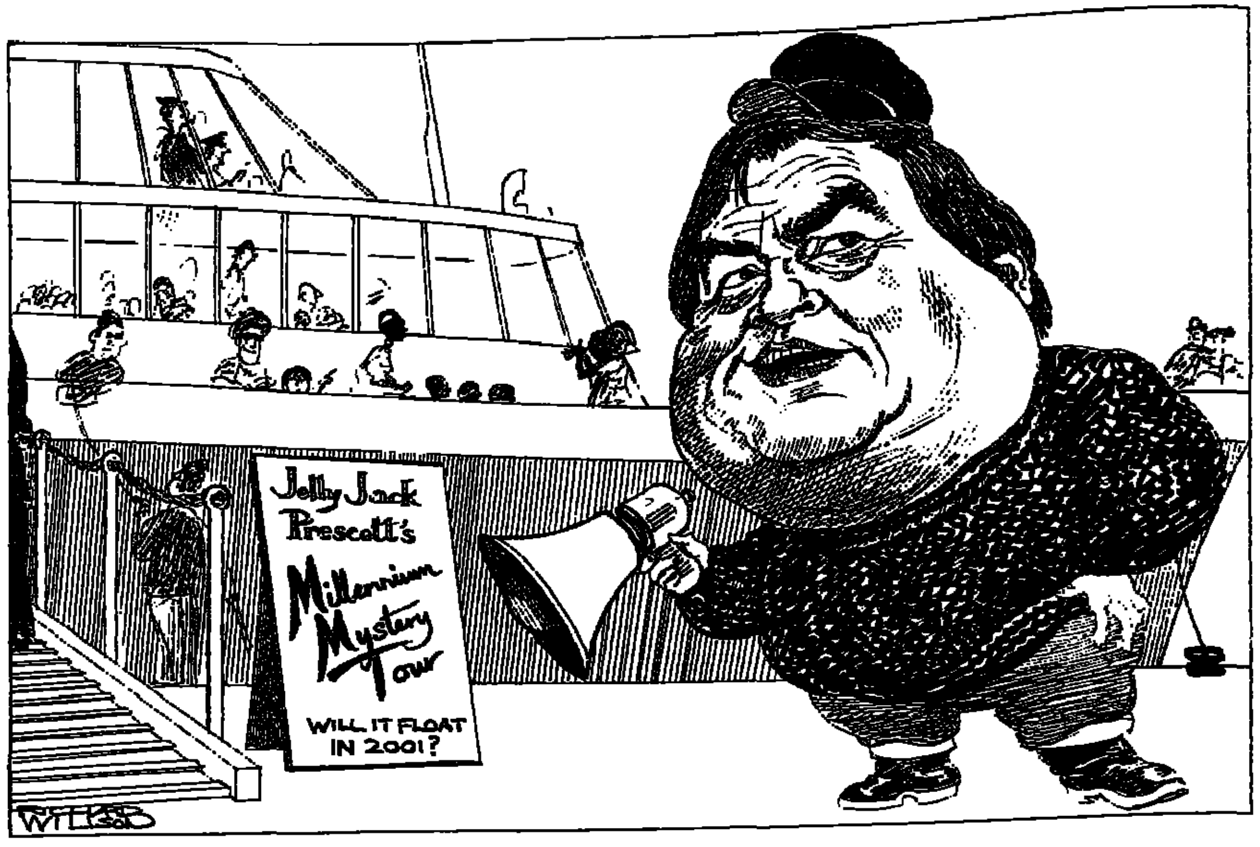
Tackling the fraudulent sales of British beef, Dr Cunningham said: "I am determined to crack down hard on anyone who runs risks with human safety." The Prime Minister had agreed to give new powers to British enforcement authorities to put an end to illegal traffic, he said. "We are looking at very sophisticated, criminal fraud that has gone beyond the EU itself." The Government announced on Monday that it was closing two meat processing plants.

Word this month from the EU Commission that British beef was being illegally exported triggered a new wave *of hostility across the Conti*nent towards the United Kingdom. Politicians and the media are accusing the British authorities of conniving in the illegal exports. The EU Commission is planning legal action against London for the alleged failure to apply adequate controls.

Emma Bonino, the Commissioner for consumer safety, said that some 1,600 tonnes of beef had gone to Bosnia-Herzegovina, Poland, Equatorial Guinea, Egypt and Russia.

Dr Cunningham confirmed that the new Government would not withdraw an action against the EU's worldwide ban at the European Court of Justice. "It's going to be an important test of the legality of the ban."

At the same time, Britain expected the rest of the EU to live up to the standards that it had set for it. Spain, Germany and other EU states are resist*ing a move by the Commission* to enforce the same slaughterhouse measures on the removal of suspect material on the Continent as applied in Britain. Dr Cunningham denied earlier reports that he planned an outright ban on imports but said he would "ensure that imports have been given the same rigorous treatment on the removal of specified materials as beef in the UK".


Jolly Jack Prescott's Millennium Mystery Tour
WILL IT FLOAT IN 2001?
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Prescott launches river bus scheme

By Jill Sherman

JOHN PRESCOTT is championing a proposal for ten new piers and seven new boats on the Thames to secure a lasting river bus system as a legacy of the Millennium Experience. The Deputy Prime Minister, who is determined to revitalise the Thames, is keen to ensure that the new service fares better than its predecessors, which failed through lack of cash.

The piers are expected to be funded partly through money from the Millennium Experience, but Mr Prescott is also hoping for local authority money and private sector sponsorship.

Some of the piers are to be built close to London's finest restaurants, such as the Savoy and the Oxo Tower on the South Bank, and Mr Prescott is expected to call at their door for sponsorship money. The service will be primarily targeted at tourists and the Deputy Prime Minister is *proposing to* use through-ticketing to link the river to other forms of public transport.

The river bus will start at Battersea Power Station and go to Greenwich village and possibly on to City Airport. Two piers are already planned for The Globe theatre and the Millennium Experience site at Greenwich. But Mr Prescott has proposed eight other piers, to add to the existing 14. The new piers are proposed at the Tate Gallery, Hungerford Bridge, Blackfriars, the Savoy, the London Bridge-New Fish Wharf, Battersea, the Millennium Wheel and the Oxo Tower.

Mr Prescott has had talks over the past ten days with the Cross River Partnership, London First and the Port of London Authority.

Water companies warned on leaks

By Nick Nuttall, Environment Correspondent

WATER companies were warned yesterday that plugging leaks will have to come before making a profit under the national water strategy being prepared.

Ministers told the companies, some of which lose more than 30 per cent of their supplies through leaks, that the maximum such wastage allowed under new legally binding rules will be set at 10 or 15 per cent.

In a report published yesterday, the Office of Water Service's national customer council accused firms of putting shareholders before customers. John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, said that the "scandal" of water losses and high profits had to end. He announced that water companies in England and Wales *had agreed to* the Government's ten-point plan, which includes offering a free leak detection and repair service for customers' pipes. Of the estimated third of water lost through leaks, about a quarter is from pipes that link company mains to houses.

He praised the companies for their greater efforts towards water efficiency in homes. But he said that if they chose to "waffle" rather than meet the 10-point plan the Government would use its "firepower". He said: "I shall be looking for sustained commitment."

Ian Byatt, director general of the Office of Water Services, has been asked to set mandatory leak targets that will require the companies to reduce wastage each year.

IN PARLIAMENT

TODAY in the Commons: from 9.30am, backbench debates. From 2.30pm Welsh questions; Prime Minister's Questions; Finance Bill, committee; backbench debate on drug and alcohol abuse in prisons. In the Lords: debates on schools' role in preparing young people for adult life, including parenthood; proposed probation service cuts.

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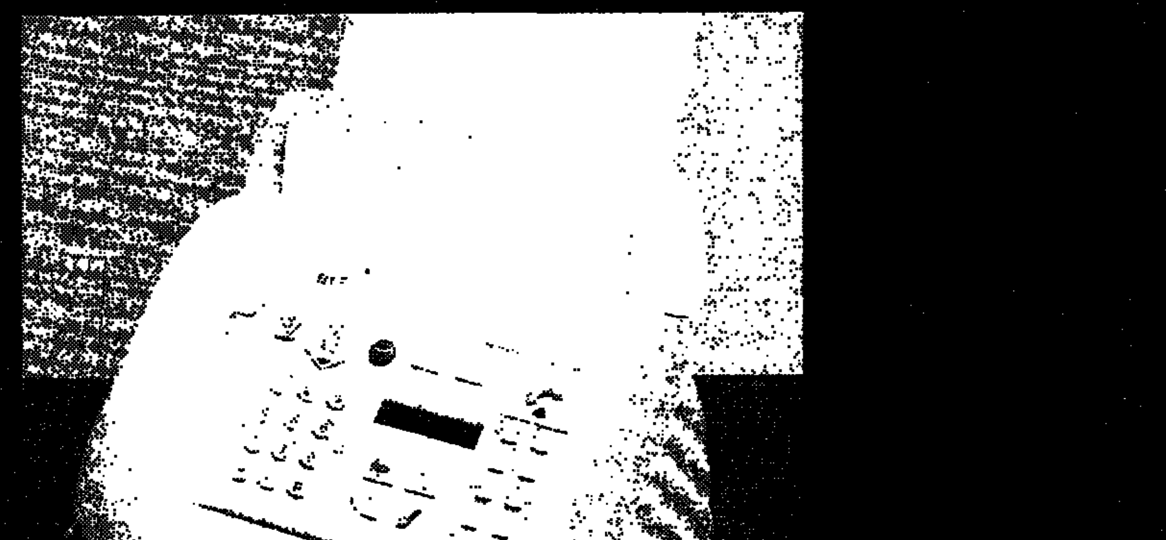

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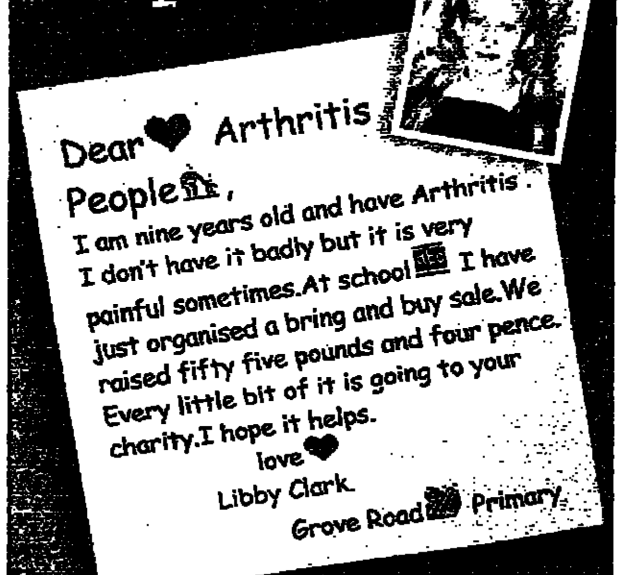

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Haughey's accountant blamed over £1.3m gift

The former Irish Prime Minister says he knew nothing about his personal finances during his time in office. **Audrey Magee** reports

THE former Irish Prime Minister Charles Haughey blamed his accountant yesterday for organising illegal payments of £1.3 million from a supermarket tycoon to support his lavish lifestyle while in office.

At a hearing of a tribunal investigation into payments to politicians, Mr Haughey tried to absolve himself of any responsibility for the money. He said that he had entrusted all his personal finances to his accountant and friend Des Traynor, who died of cancer three years ago.

Mr Haughey, an accountant by training and a former Finance Minister, said that he never questioned Mr Traynor about the source of the money that helped to maintain his Dublin mansion, racehorses, yacht and privately owned island off the coast of Co Kerry. Describing himself as a "quiescent" accountant, Mr Haughey said: "My private finances were peripheral to my life. I had Mr Traynor look after all that. My work was my lifestyle. When I was in office, I worked every day, all day. There was no room for an extravagant lifestyle."

Mr Haughey said that it was not until 1993, one year after being forced from office, that he became aware that he had received £1.3 million from Ben Dunne, the former chairman of the Dunnes Stores supermarket group. Mr Haughey said that no political favours were granted in return for the money. Mr Dunne said that he gave the money to help to clear Mr Haughey's debts because he "felt sorry for him".

The payments were made through an elaborate network of overseas bank accounts between 1987 and 1991 while Mr Haughey was Taoiseach. The final payment was made in November 1991 when Mr Dunne called to Mr Haughey's home on the outskirts of Dublin. Mr Dunne handed Mr Haughey three bank drafts totalling £210,000 and made out to fictitious names. Yesterday Mr Haughey agreed that the payments were made but said he did not remember receiving the money from Mr Dunne.

The appearance at the tribunal in Dublin Castle is a source of severe embarrassment to Mr Haughey, who for two decades refused to answer questions about the funding of his wealthy lifestyle. Hundreds of people turned up to hear him give evidence. Many queued overnight.

Mr Haughey avoided media attention by arriving shortly after 7am, three hours before the hearing started. His Fianna Fail supporters applauded as he left the tribunal but were quickly drowned out by crowds booing, hissing and shouting abuse.

Mr Haughey, 71, apologised for lying to the tribunal and said that his tax affairs were in order. He made an opening statement admitting everything but was nonetheless shamed when Denis McCullough, counsel for the State, displayed his letters of lies and denials. Only last week, after months of work by the tribunal, did Mr Haughey admit that he had received the money.

Mr Haughey is now likely to face a tax bill of at least £750,000. He could also be jailed, although that is unlikely. Political opposition parties are demanding a new inquiry into his wealth to establish whether anyone else made payments to him while he was Taoiseach.

Allegations of corruption were made against Mr Haughey throughout his political life. In 1970, he was acquitted of conspiring to import arms for the IRA and in 1991 it was alleged, and denied, that he was a member of a "Golden Circle" getting rich on State assets.

Mr Justice Brian McCracken, chairman of the tribunal, is expected to file his report to the Government next month and the Dail will be recalled from the summer recess to discuss his findings.

Charles Haughey after giving evidence to the tribunal yesterday. As he left Dublin Castle he was booed by angry crowds

Court convictions are rising, says prosecution chief

By Frances Gibb, Legal Correspondent

THE Director of Public Prosecutions has responded to claims that fewer criminals are being convicted with new figures showing a substantial increase.

The proportion of convictions after contested hearings rose from 55 per cent in 1991-92 to 60 per cent in 1996-97, Dame Babara Mills, QC, said. She was careful not to point the finger directly or to say that the Crown Prosecution Service was being wrongly blamed. But she added: "We can only prosecute such cases as we get from the police."

She said that the mix of cases had slightly changed, and that this year the CPS had received fewer less serious cases while the number of more serious cases had risen by 3 per cent.

Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, and Sir John Morris, the Attorney General, have set up a review into the policies and procedures of the CPS because of concern over a fall in convictions. But CPS officials yesterday indicated that the blame for that lay at the door of police, who were bringing far fewer cases.

Brian Spear, a senior CPS official, said: "We are dependent on the police for the cases they bring to us — we can't bring cases out of a hat. So if the number of cases they pass to is falling, clearly we can take fewer cases forward."

The police "clear-up" rate had dropped from 35 per cent of all recorded offences ten years ago to 26 per cent of all recorded offences, he said.

The CPS annual report, published yesterday, showed that 1.3 million cases were handled in the magistrates' court, where a conviction rate was achieved of 75 per cent in contested cases. In the Crown Court, 114,540 cases were dealt with, with a 60 per cent conviction rate.

The CPS announced the findings of two pilot studies to fast-track cases through the courts. In Plymouth, after more than one year and an average of 24 child abuse cases, the time between charge and trial has been halved to some 131 days.

In the second, dealing with minor traffic cases in Gloucestershire and Lancashire, the time from date of offence to concluding the court case has been halved.

Plenty of work awaits horde of new MPs

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

IT IS time for all those new MPs to do some work in Parliament apart from just voting. The select committees are, belatedly, being set up this week and more than 100 of the new MPs will serve on them, rougly 40 per cent of their total membership. There is plenty for them to do.

The committees have in the past made a virtue of their diversity, spending a long time on in-depth policy inquiries at the expense sometimes of scrutinising administration and expenditure. Some committees, like Defence and Social Security, have been assiduous at the latter, but the coverage has been patchy.

However, a Government with a huge majority and a distant attitude towards Parliament should constantly be held to account by the Commons. The new committees might make a start with the multitude of reviews that ministers have announced. While protecting the confidentiality of civil service advice, the committees should ask for papers on the options being considered. This applies particularly to the most important of them all, the comprehensive spending review. Individual departments are due to produce papers on their own activities by the autumn as part of the Treasury-run exercise.

There is obviously a particular role for the Treasury committee, which is likely to be chaired by the experienced Giles Radice. It has a long possible agenda — the new arrangements for monetary policy and the Bank of England, the proposals for overhauling City regulation, monitoring how the money from the windfall levy on the utilities is spent, and revamping the Private Finance Initiative, let alone the single currency. But the committee should make a priority of the comprehensive spending review, seeking regular reports over the next year from Alistair Darling, the Chief Secretary, about the long-term cost of existing programmes and the options for savings. This will be a real test of the Government's much repeated promises about opening up decision-making.

The Social Security Committee should look at the options on the pensions review and could turn the tables on its long-serving former chairman, Frank Field, over welfare reform. This committee contains several MPs who know a lot about these issues — Patricia Hewitt, Chris Pond, Gisela Stuart and Malcolm Wicks. The jumbo Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee should try to penetrate the fog over the Government's policy towards injecting private finance into the London Underground (without calling it privatisation). The Foreign Affairs Committee should look at the allegations about collusion between British ministers and China over Hong Kong in the late 1980s, as well as enlargement of the European Union.

The committees' memberships are a good mixture of the old and the new, though it is a pity that the list includes only four of the 17 former members of the Major Government who are still in the Commons and not in the William Hague team. Several of the newcomers, such as Charles Clarke, Tony Colman and Ruth Kelly on the Treasury committee, will quickly outshine some longer-serving colleagues.

Diane Abbott has tried to take in the gullible with her protests about being excluded from the Treasury Committee. But that is nonsense since it is quite normal for people to move from one committee to another and she has been put on the equally important Foreign Affairs Committee. If the Labour whips had wanted to exclude potential critics, they would not have put Brian Sedgemore on the Treasury Committee. But Ms Abbott, who is regarded as tiresome and unreliable by most of her colleagues, is adept at gaining publicity for herself, particularly ahead of the annual elections to Labour's NEC.

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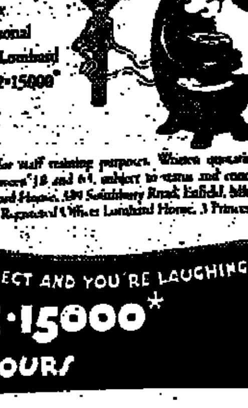

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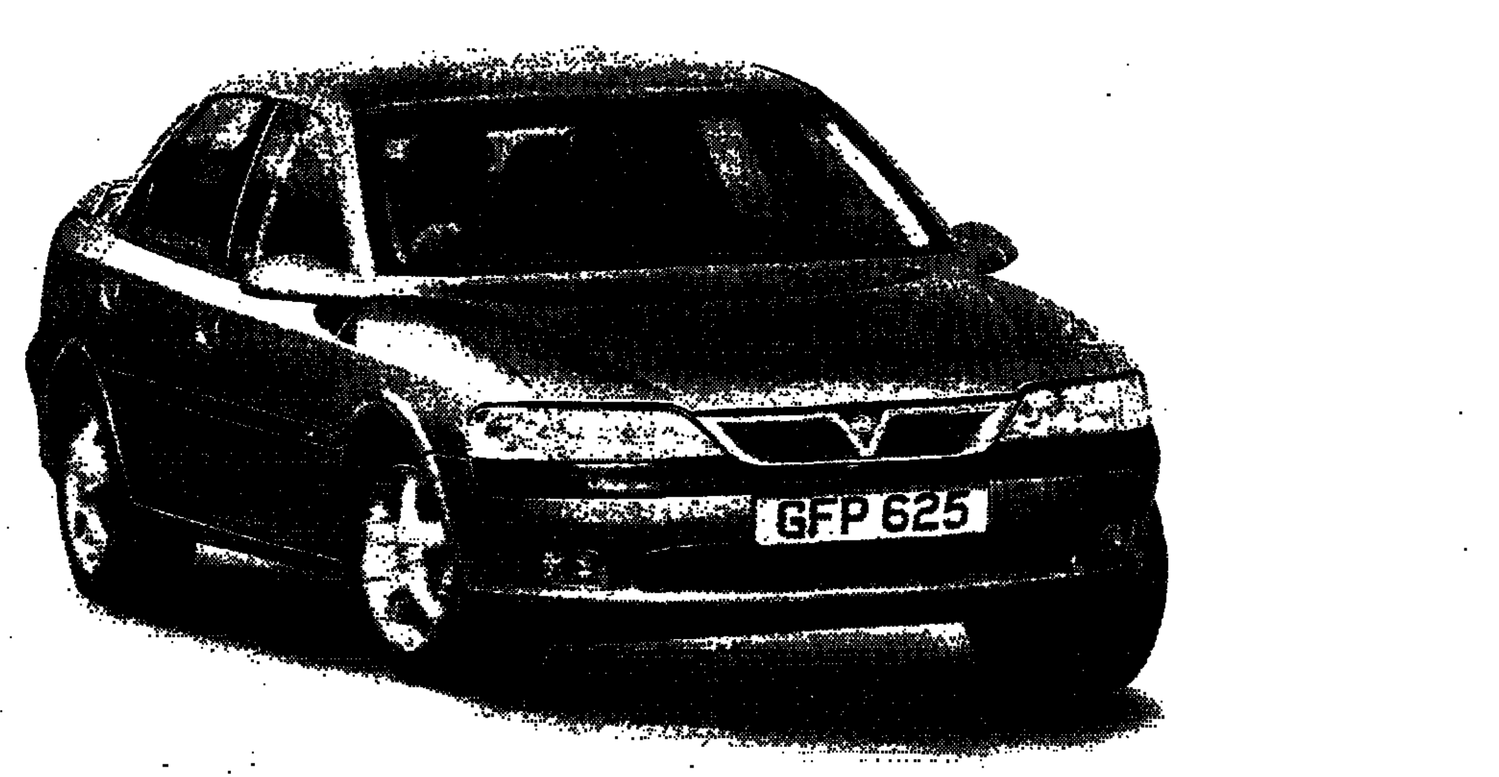

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Tim Jarman, shot in the head in his flat last month

Foreigners quit Mongolia after murder of Briton

FROM JAMES PRINGLE
IN ULAN BATOR

LAST MONTH'S murder of a popular British aid expert in Mongolia has prompted some foreign residents to pack up and go home, while those left behind are plagued by nervousness and confusion.

Tim Jarman's death, aged 50, has dented the reputation of Ulan Bator as a relatively safe haven whose people are generally friendly to Westerners. Many people are avoiding the Top Ten disco where Jarman, an agricultural consultant with the Asian Development Bank, spent some time on his last night alive.

But one consultant said: "There is no panic, and only a few people have left, but others will continue to feel uneasy until arrests are made and they know what caused this tragedy."

Mongolian police say that Jarman, who came from Bath, where his wife and two daughters live, was shot in his flat at about 3.30am on June 21. They say the cause of death was a small-calibre bullet that had entered his left temple. Reliable sources say the weapon was a sawn-off hunting rifle, but no trace of it has been found, ruling out suicide.

While some sources indicate that a video recorder was taken from Jarman's flat, where he lived alone, sums of money, credit cards and other valuables were untouched.

Rumours abound that the murder may have involved a Mafia-style killing connected with $17.5million (£10.1 million) that the Asian bank had disbursed here. Some speculate that Jarman might have detected official corruption in connection with these funds.

Other theories are that he may have been involved with a woman, foreign or Mongolian. But, although he had female friends and had escorted two of them to their flats before he died, he was not conducting any obvious relationship. "By the standards of most consultants, Tim Jarman was verging on sainthood," said one acquaintance. "He was not known to be involved with anyone. He was a perfect gentleman."

A coroner's inquest into Jarman's death was adjourned in Bath on July 10, to allow for the funeral on July 25. Sally Jarman, his wife, said she was pressing the Foreign Office for a copy of the Mongolian police report. "I am as much in the dark as anyone else, but I have no reason not to trust the Mongolians. They have not been particularly informative, or helpful, but they have been very thorough," she said.

British-based firms gave most in US election

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

BRITISH-based companies, including BP, Glaxo Wellcome and NatWest, gave more money to the last American elections than companies from any other country, it has emerged as the row builds over foreign influence in the most expensive presidential race in US history.

American subsidiaries of British companies gave $4.3 million, more than a third of the $12.5 million injected by companies whose headquarters are outside the United States, according to the first detailed analysis of foreign donations. Three-quarters of the British money went to Republicans — who control Congress and are traditionally the party of big business — and $1 million to Democrats.

Using US subsidiaries to circumvent the ban on foreign donations to election campaigns is legal, but has become controversial as both parties have traded accusations of foreign influence. The Democratic National Committee announced in February that it would no longer accept campaign contributions from US subsidiaries of foreign companies.

In February, President Clinton attacked the Republicans for not joining in the pledge. "They raise more foreign money. And we take all the heat," he said.

The Republican National Committee has said that donations from US subsidiaries are "perfectly legal" and has questioned whether the Democrats will follow through on Mr Clinton's pledge.

Brown & Williamson Tobacco, owned by BAT Industries, was the largest British-controlled donor, giving $1,003,998 to Republicans and $85,000 to Democrats, according to the study by the Centre for Responsive Politics, a bipartisan Washington research group.

The study, derived from Federal Election Commission data, identifies 128 US subsidiaries of 93 foreign-owned companies which gave money in the November 1996 elections. The top donors were US subsidiaries of Seagram, the Canadian conglomerate ($2,189,720); BAT, and the Australian News Corporation ($929,859).

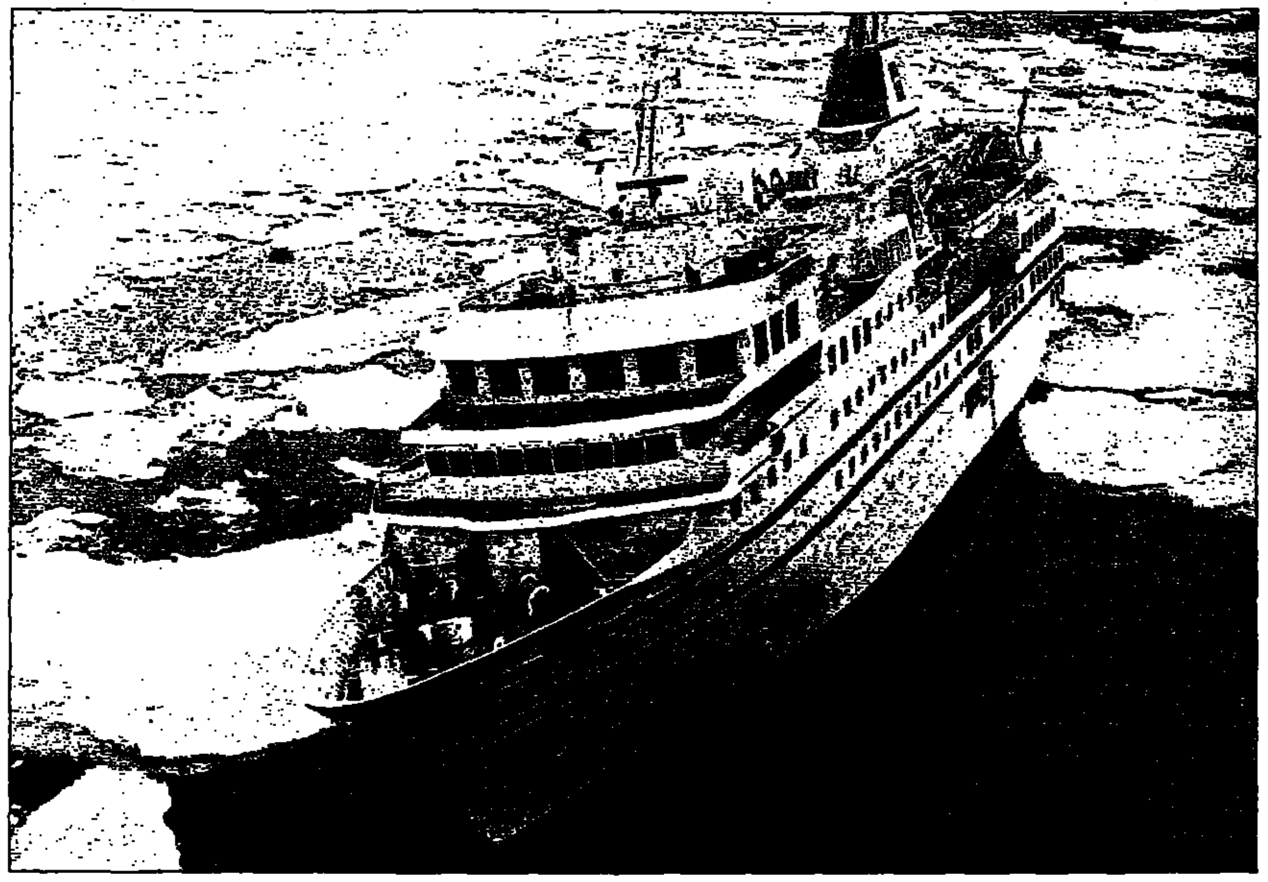
The list of donors is dominated by pharmaceutical companies such as Glaxo Wellcome ($921,454); Zeneca ($325,247); SmithKline Beecham ($264,950), and media and tobacco companies. Legislation affecting all these industries has figured prominently in Congress.

Other British-controlled companies which donated cash include Holiday Inns (owned by Bass) which gave $56,500; Blue Circle ($33,000); British Petroleum ($355,929); Cable & Wireless ($75,000); Guinness ($50,000); Grand Metropolitan ($211,782); ICI ($176,450); NatWest ($130,000), and the Rank Organisation ($80,000).

The report also shows that two Swiss companies — C S Holdings and Roche — ranked fifth and sixth, contributing $507,100 and $370,093. The Japanese Sony Corporation was the tenth largest, splitting its $300,000 almost equally between Republicans and Democrats.

The row about campaign finance, which has engulfed the White House since the last election, and to a lesser extent the Republicans, has centred on whether foreign governments or companies tried to influence the poll's outcome.

Direct donations by foreign governments, companies or individuals are illegal. But donations from US subsidiaries are allowed, provided that the US company makes the decision independently and supplies the money itself.



The German cruise liner *Hanseatic* listing after running aground off Norway's Svalbard archipelago

Luxury cruise captain aground again

BY DEBORAH COLLCUTT

THE Norwegian coastguard last night had to abandon an operation to free a luxury German cruise liner stuck in thick ice after the captain ran her aground for the second time in a year.

Captain Hartvig von Harling stranded the 9,000-tonne *Hanseatic* in a fjord off the Arctic archipelago of Svalbard with 260 people, including 145 mainly German tourists. Ten months ago the captain hit a sandbank in icy seas off the northwest Canadian coast, ending a cruise through the Arctic. This time his ship is wedged in an area where another vessel was stuck last August for a week.

None of the passengers was hurt as the *Hanseatic* ran onto the rocks late on Sunday and there was little damage to the hull of the liner, which has 88 luxury suites.

Elisabeth Aarsaether, spokeswoman for the Governor's office on Svalbard which is co-ordinating the rescue, said the liner was completely blocked in by ice.

Kaare Oyre, controller at the rescue centre for northern Norway at Bodoe, had planned to unload part of the ship's 480-tonne cargo of heavy fuel before attempting to drag her free, but three vessels involved in the operation had to pull out to avoid becoming trapped themselves.

He added that weather conditions favoured another rescue attempt today.

The Bahamian-registered vessel, owned by Hapag Lloyd, a Hamburg-based shipping firm, was on its way from Norway to Iceland via the scenic islands.

Captain von Harling reportedly told the coastguard that passengers and crew were in good spirits and a sightseeing tour of the surrounding islands had been arranged.

Milosevic elected Yugoslav President

FROM TOM WALKER
IN SARAJEVO

SLOBODAN Milosevic was yesterday elected President of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, comprising Serbia and Montenegro, securing for him another four years in power.

Mr Milosevic's intention to switch from the Serbian to the Yugoslav post had long been known, but the speed with which he accomplished his new status took most observers by surprise.

He was the only candidate and there was little opposition to his election in the federal parliament: in the lower house 88 voted for and 10 against, and in the upper house there were 29 for and 2 against.

The opposition movement Zajedno continued its boycott of the lower house and did not take part.

Mr Milosevic's Serbian Socialist Party pushed the vote through, with a split in the Montenegrin Socialists looming.

Milo Djukanovic, the Montenegrin Prime Minister and a moderate, is attempting to distance the party from its subservience to Mr Milosevic, but President Momir Bulatovic managed to keep the Montenegrins unified for Mr Milosevic's last stand.

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Hitler's favourite secretary dies

FROM DEBORAH COLLCUTT IN FRANKFURT

ONE of the few remaining members of Adolf Hitler's private staff, who faithfully stood by him until shortly before his suicide in a Berlin bunker, has died of cancer at the age of 83.

Gerda Christian, Hitler's private secretary, outlived her Führer by 52 years and refused to criticise him publicly, saying to friends privately that he was a good and fair boss.

Frau Christian served Hitler until the closing days of the Third Reich and joined him in the bunker in Berlin where he killed himself with his new bride, Eva Braun, in 1945.

Born Gerda Daranowski, she married a senior Wehrmacht officer and was one of Hitler's privileged female members of staff, allowed to stay at his Eagle's Nest hideaway in Berchtesgaden, near the Austrian border. She died in a hospital in Düsseldorf after a long battle against cancer which spread from her lungs to the stomach and bowel.

After a brief unhappy marriage, she lived apart from her husband and dedicated her life to serving the "Chief", as Hitler was known in close circles. She refused to give interviews to historians or journalists about Hitler and spoke about him only with close friends or family, when she would praise his kindness.

"What should I say?" she once asked a German journalist who called at her small flat in Henry-Dunant-Strasse in Düsseldorf. "Whatever I say will be wrongly interpreted." But she later told a friend: "I cannot complain about my time with the Führer. We were even allowed to smoke at a time in Germany when it was not the done thing for women to smoke."

Ironically, a habit which Frau Christian later said saved her from the invading Russian Army eventually caused her long, painful death. After more than 100 days in hiding 55ft below ground in the Berlin bunker, with the Allies advancing towards the capital from all directions, Gerda and Hitler's other secretary, Traudl Junge, eventually tried to escape.

Despite her dishevelled appearance, the attractive young blonde with sparkling blue eyes aroused the suspicion of a Russian soldier patrolling the area near the bunker. She was arrested and questioned for hours because the Russians believed that she was somebody famous or a member of Hitler's entourage.

But when Gerda took a cigarette offered to her by one of the soldiers, dragged hard and inhaled the smoke deep into her lungs, she portrayed a different image. "One of the soldiers said to the other that German high society don't behave like that," she later recalled, adding that they released her believing she was probably a local farmhand.

ULLSTEIN

Gerda Christian, left, always praised her Führer as a kind and fair boss and remained with him until the last days in the Berlin bunker

Gerda befriended Eva Braun and in the early days, when Hitler had little time and interest in his girlfriend, would go on long walks with her or sit chatting on the terraces of Berchtesgaden, taking in the panoramic views of the Austrian mountains. She rubbed shoulders with the Third Reich elite and their wives on the many occasions Hitler entertained in his Alpine retreat. It is said by Traudl Junge, whose memoirs have been written by two French journalists, that Gerda was a favourite of Hitler, because her looks typified his ideal of an Aryan woman.

He ordered her to leave the Berlin bunker and flee to the south to escape Allied troops. According to historical accounts, both she and Frau Junge refused to go, and later accepted cyanide pills from the SS leader, Heinrich Himmler. But Hitler was against them committing suicide, and in his final days told the two women they would cope without him. "If only our generals had been as brave as you," the Führer told his secretaries. By the time Hitler and Eva Braun died, the women had fled the bunker. Both succeeded in escaping from Berlin.

Eta names councillor as next murder target

FROM GILES TREMLETT IN MADRID

SECURITY measures were being tightened yesterday around Basque town councillors belonging to the Popular Party of José María Aznar, the Spanish Prime Minister, as radical separatists threatened to carry out their second killing in a week.

"You are next," said graffiti warnings in the northern town of Rentería, naming José Luis Caso, a Popular Party councillor in the area. His party said it was taking the threat seriously, adding: "We are reviewing their security."

Señor Caso, 63, said that he was not scared. "I don't want to worry about it, because I know it is risky to defend certain ideas in the Basque country. Nothing is going to stop me thinking this way."

The moderate Basque Nationalist Party, which leads the regional government, also gave a warning that Eta was planning to carry out more attacks on politicians. "It knows it has lost the war and only aims to create chaos," Joseba Egibar said.

A Spanish prison officer, José Antonio Ortega Lara, freed by police two weeks ago after being held captive by Eta for nearly 18 months, revealed yesterday that the separatists considered the Prime Minister their principal target. "They told me that they were desperate to get him," he said.

Señor Aznar, who survived an Eta car bomb attack in 1995, yesterday repeated calls for Eta's political ally, the Herri Batasuna party, to be isolated. Javier Mayor Oreja, the Interior Minister, said any measures to be taken against Herri Batasuna would have to be agreed by all parties in the Basque parliament.

Marches to protest against Eta's kidnapping and killing of Miguel Angel Blanco, the Popular Party town councillor, two weeks ago continued in towns and cities across Spain yesterday. Millions had taken to the streets in Madrid and Barcelona on Monday night in the biggest demonstrations since the failed 1981 coup. While most protests were peaceful, the backlash against Eta erupted in sporadic violence overnight in the Basque country, where Blanco was buried on Monday in his home town of Ermua.

In San Sebastián, more than 1,000 anti-Eta protesters hurled eggs and stones at offices and a bar used by Herri Batasuna. People inside retaliated with petrol bombs, police said. At least two youths were injured and one person was arrested.

In Bilbao, Spanish media reported that protesters attacked two Eta sympathisers in an assault on Herri Batasuna's headquarters. Similar clashes erupted in the Basque capital, Vitoria. Gorka Martinez, the Herri Batasuna leader, yesterday said his party was not glad Blanco had been killed. "We, more than anyone else, understand the family's pain," he said.

He blamed Blanco's death on a government refusal to meet Eta's demands that 500 prisoners in jails across Spain be moved to the Basque region. He added that the Government was trying to start a witch-hunt against Herri Batasuna and its voters, and gave a warning of a "dangerous worsening of the situation".

José Miguel Latasa, a repentant Eta prisoner, yesterday called on Herri Batasuna leaders to give way to others, saying: "They are taking us towards disaster."

Cook: London is target for money-launderers

Britain and Russia to fight mafia

Moscow: Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, yesterday completed details of an unprecedented intelligence-sharing agreement between Britain and Russia to fight the spread of organised crime (Richard Beeston writes).

After talks at the Russian Interior Ministry, Mr Cook said the text of a co-operation agreement had been reached, which he hoped would be signed formally in the autumn when Tony Blair, the Prime Minister, is due to visit Moscow.

The agreement would formalise co-operation between police, intelligence services and customs officials, in particular to target the growing problem of drugs trafficking and money-laundering.

Russia is a main conduit for heroin from Afghanistan. Mr Cook said London was a particular target for Russian mafia money-launderers.

Blair vow on Cyprus peace

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

TONY BLAIR yesterday promised President Clerides of Cyprus that Britain would do all it could to bolster the United Nations talks to end the island's division and to speed its accession to the European Union.

The Prime Minister welcomed the progress made at last week's face-to-face meeting between Mr Clerides and Rauf Denktas, leader of the Turkish Cypriots, and urged the President to continue moves to reduce tensions on the island.

The Downing Street meeting came as officials expressed optimism over four days of talks in Troutbeck, New York state, the first in three years, which went better than diplomats expected. The two men agreed to meet occasionally in Nicosia to resolve problems such as forest fires, looking for people missing since the 1974 Turkish occupation of northern Cyprus, and incidents on the green line buffer zone. They will hold a second round of constitutional talks in Switzerland next month.

Diplomats hope that, after the elections for the Greek Cypriot presidency next February, a further round of talks could be held to get agreement on a complete package. This would including the withdrawal of Turkish troops, a federal constitution and reducing the Turkish area from 37 to about 28 per cent of the land. The two sides will be asked to submit proposed constitutions over the summer, which the UN special envoy will turn into a single negotiating draft.

Diplomats said yesterday that the most difficult issue was the proposed return or compensation for refugees, who had set up strong lobbies overseas. "All know that there will not be a wholesale return, and no significant numbers will go back in the short term," one source said.

The latest attempt at a settlement comes amid rising tensions along the green line.

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WORLD SUMMARY

US to act on genetic test abuse

Washington: President Clinton has thrown his weight behind a Bill which would bar insurance companies from discriminating on the grounds of genetic testing (Brunwen Maddox writes).

Under the Bill, gathering momentum in the wake of concern about abuses of genetic testing, health insurers could not cancel or refuse policies because of risks revealed by tests. "Americans should never have to choose between saving their health insurance and tests that could save their lives," Mr Clinton said. Insurance companies say they will fight it.

Police protest

Frankfurt: More than 6,000 German police joined a national demonstration in Mainz to protest against government plans to raise the retirement age (Deborah Collcutt writes). Police officers are at present entitled to a full state pension at 60, but the Government wants to make them work an extra year. Yesterday's was the second demonstration organised by the police union in a week. Officers converged on Bonn last week on the day the 1998 Budget was signed.

Freedom pledge

Turkey has promised a delegation of Western journalists to release some of the 78 journalists in prison and to change the law to give them greater protection (Michael Binyon writes). Mesut Yilmaz, the new Prime Minister, told Terry Anderson and others from the Committee to Protect Journalists that the jailing of journalists and restrictions of press freedom in Turkey were "unacceptable".

Pacific conduct

Auckland: A rugby match in Tonga turned into a riot in which one of the Pacific kingdom's colleges was destroyed, leading to the arrest of 154 high school boys, the *Tonga Chronicle* reported. Petrol bombs were thrown, shots were fired and about £480,000 damage was caused at Tonga College by students of the rival Tupou College. *(AFP)*

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Saddam joins the Queen on wealth list

From Tom Rhodes
in Washington

SADDAM HUSSEIN, the President of Iraq, and Fidel Castro, the Communist Cuban dictator, have been included for the first time this year in the recognised list of the world's richest people.

They join the Queen and the Sultan of Brunei in a special category released as part of the traditional survey of the financial elite by *Forbes Magazine*.

Saddam, the fifth richest among kings, queens and dictators, is estimated to have amassed a $5 billion (£2.9 billion) fortune from an oil smuggling operation run by his son, Uday.

Señor Castro is thought to control at least 10 per cent of the ailing Cuban economy with numerous assets and investments in the sugar and nickel industries totalling $1.4 billion. He is placed tenth, ahead of the Queen, whose wealth is projected at $350 million, excluding the Royal Collection and the Crown Jewels, which are held in trust.

Kerry Dolan, an editor at *Forbes Magazine*, said readers had constantly asked why the Sultan of Brunei, the richest man in the world with $38 billion, was not included in the list alongside business moguls such as Bill Gates, whose personal earnings from Microsoft have reached $36.4 billion.

"Traditionally *Forbes* has excluded royalty, heads of state and other political powers from the list, but we've had so many questions about them we decided to make a change this year," she said.

"We want to stress that the people in this category benefit from their political position, not their business acumen. That's why we have created a special category."

Saddam's fortune, which makes him the 50th richest man in the world, is believed by the magazine to be half his total worth before the Gulf War. But he and Señor Castro remain more affluent than British members of the business list, including Richard Branson, head of Virgin on $2.1 billion; David Sainsbury, the food magnate with $1.5 billion, and Sir Anthony Bamford, chairman of JCB construction equipment, a new entry with $1.3 billion.

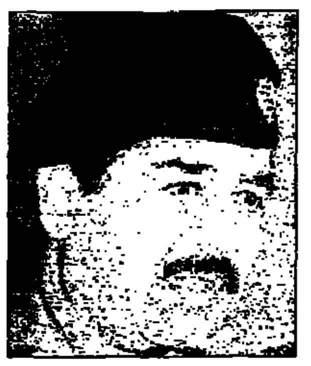
The instability in the Middle East created by Saddam's attacks on the Iraqi Kurds has merely helped to increase his earnings as the United Nations continues to place an embargo on the legitimate flow of oil from Baghdad. The average per capita income for his population has dropped from $2,300 to $1,000 in seven years.

For a man who regularly criticises the capitalist West, Señor Castro has made a steady profit from his impoverished country since the 1959 revolution. Apart from industrial assets, he and Raul, his brother, own numerous palaces and hotels in Havana and outside. There has also been widespread speculation about money that the Cuban leader may have made from drug deals with Colombian cartels.

Forbes has spent months speaking to oil industry experts and others to achieve an informed estimate for Saddam. In the case of Señor Castro, however, the magazine has only been able to guess.

Among others included on the special register are Queen Beatrix of The Netherlands, whose royal assets net $4.7 billion; King Fahd of Saudi Arabia, with $20 billion, and President Suharto, the far from Democratic leader of Indonesia, on $16 billion.

Leading Hong Kong businessmen Lee Shau Kee, chairman of Henderson Land, and Li Ka-shing, the property and retail entrepreneur, head the Asian list.


Saddam: oil smuggling

Castro: investments in nickel and sugar

Fahd: $20 billion wealth

Israelis split over plans for festivities in 1998

From Christopher Walker
in Jerusalem

ELABORATE plans to celebrate next year's fiftieth anniversary of the foundation of Israel have provoked deep internal divisions between Israelis about what events would be appropriate.

At the same time, Western intelligence experts have said that the main celebrations next May are likely to prove the focus for intensive terrorist attacks on Jewish targets in Israel and abroad. It is feared that spectacular attacks, including a return to air and ship hijacking could be involved, with Iran and Libya providing finance.

Almost no one emerged satisfied from a heated meeting of the Knesset's Interior Committee at which planners unveiled proposals for 12 months of celebrations including a fashion show at the Red Sea resort of Eilat. The programme would culminate in an international economic conference presided over by Binyamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister, in November.

Deputies on the committee split into disaffected camps of European and Middle Eastern Jews and Israeli Arabs. Critics claimed that the plans reflected a long-standing bias in Israel to Western culture.

The only mention, in the official document outlining the plans, of Israel's Arab citizens — about one fifth of the 5.8 million population — is a "salute to minorities" in the Druze village of Horfeish in April. Taleb Sana, an Arab legislator, argued this was not enough.

Yesterday tension escalated on Israel's northern border after Hezbollah guerrillas fired a Katyusha rocket across the border from south Lebanon a day after Israeli shelling killed two Lebanese civilians.

The new upsurge of violence came 48 hours before Mr Netanyahu is due to attend a celebration on the occupied Golan Heights to mark 30 years since the territory was conquered from Syria, which Israel accuses of openly encouraging Hezbollah violence.

☐ ***London:*** *Yassir Arafat* yesterday held talks in London with Chief Emeka Anyaoku, the Commonwealth Secretary-General, to discuss the Palestinians' application for membership of the organisation (Glen Owen writes). Membership of the Commonwealth is currently restricted to independent states, but the group will hold a summit in Edinburgh in October to consider membership rules.

AP PHOTO

British-born Michael Foale, left, might have to repair the Mir space station in place of the unwell Commander Vasili Tsibliyev, right, pictured earlier in their mission

Mir hitches raise fears over joint space ventures

By Bronwen Maddox and Robin Lodge

NASA reacted coolly last night to the suggestion that Michael Foale, the British-born American astronaut on board the Russian space station Mir, may have to carry out repairs to the stricken complex in place of the flight commander, who is suffering from an irregular heartbeat.

The repairs, to reconnect power cables severed on June 25 when Mir collided with an unmanned cargo craft, were postponed indefinitely yesterday to allow doctors to assess the condition of Commander Vasili Tsibliyev, who complained of cardiovascular problems on Monday. The Russian Mission Control doctor told the commander yesterday to take sedatives and medicine to stabilise his heartbeat.

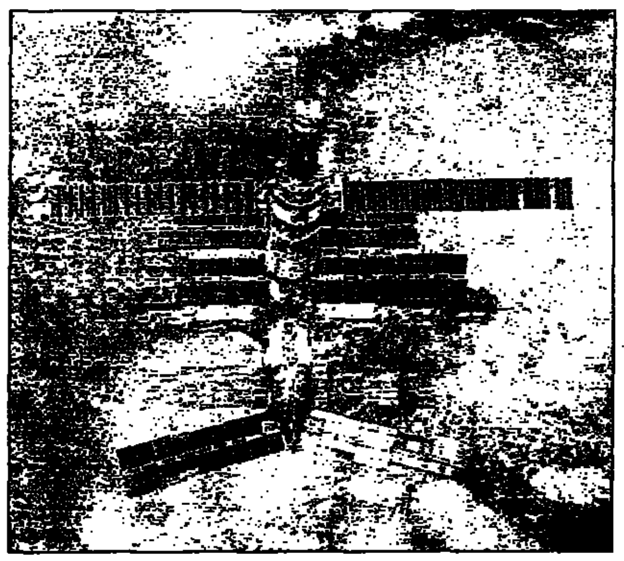
Mr Foale has been trained in spacewalking, but has not performed the tricky manoeuvre, Nasa said yesterday. The agency said repairs might be left until a relief crew arrives in early August.

Debbie Rohn, a Nasa spokeswoman, said yesterday that the past three weeks had deepened the agency's "close working relationship" with the Russians. She added that, for both sides, safety of the astronauts was a priority, and that Nasa had not yet decided whether to replace Mr Foale, who is due to return to Earth in September.

But the cool response cast new doubt on long-term collaboration between the two countries in space. Scientists and members of Congress have been asking whether the Russian space programme has fallen so far behind in technical capability and finances that joint efforts are worthless or even slowing down the United States.

For 15 years after the launch of Sputnik in 1957, the American and Russian space programmes raced each other in putting men into space, with virtually unlimited funds. Eventually, the costs of attempting ever more demanding feats prompted collaboration. Since the collapse of the Soviet Union, the United States has been keen to continue joint programmes "to keep Russian rocket engineers in Russia and out of North Korea," according to John Pike, space policy director of the Federation of American Scientists.

But Russia, short of funds and scientists, many of whom have emigrated to America, may now not be able to afford even collaboration. Launch of the International Space Station, due last November, has been put back to June 1998 because of Russian delays.


Repairs to Mir might have to wait until next month

Missed heartbeats caused by stress

THE palpitations which disturbed Vasili Tsibliyev, the 43-year-old Russian spaceman, as he lay in his bunk worried and sleepless on Friday night, judging from his own description and the reassuring remarks of the control doctor, were almost certainly the result of extra systoles. As the doctor said: "You have to calm down — healthy people often have this problem."

Ventricular extra systoles, also known as ventricular or premature or ectopic beats, are usually thought of by patients as missed beats and are the most common form of cardiac arrhythmia. In this form of abnormal heart rhythm, one beat is followed quickly by another in rapid succession and both beats are slightly unusual; after them there is a long compensatory pause before the next beat, which is rather stronger than usual.

Commander Tsibliyev's heart would have been thoroughly checked to exclude the common causes of extra systole such as coronary heart disease, aortic stenosis or cardiac failure. Usually multiple extra systoles are related to anxiety, stress, insomnia, caffeine or alcohol. It will have been reassuring that the Mir commander's ECG, taken after he noticed his palpitations, revealed no underlying abnormality and was within normal limits.

There are possible complicating factors. Commander Tsibliyev's heart has been subjected to more prolonged strains than anticipated. The exercises designed to counteract the ill effects of weightlessness have had to be modified to conserve oxygen, in short supply since the collision. Oxygen lack could also uncover any previously undetected weaknesses in Tsibliyev's cardiac reserves.

This alarm raises the question as to whether it is wise to send 43-year-olds into space for prolonged trips.

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Chinese election system 'is fair to all'

From Reuters
in Hong Kong

THE Hong Kong Government yesterday fended off attacks on its plans for the first legislative election under Chinese rule, saying it was not meant to limit representation of the pro-democracy camp.

Nicholas Ng, the Secretary for Constitutional Affairs, said regardless of which electoral method was used, the populist Democratic Party could command all seats if it won enough votes.

"If the community's aspirations are all uniform and everyone supports the Democratic Party, it doesn't matter which system you choose. They will grab all the seats," Mr Ng said.

His comments follow attacks on the government after last week's unveiling of electoral methods for Hong Kong's legislative election which will be held next May.

Under the plan, Hong Kong will dump the first-past-the-post method for the 20 seats of the 60-seat chamber to be directly elected from geographical constituencies, opting for a proportional representation system.

The territory will be divided into five constituencies, each with three to five seats depending on the size of population. In the last legislative election in 1995, the territory was divided into 20 smaller constituencies, each of which was allocated one seat.

But analysts and critics of the new system have predicted that pro-democracy parties are unlikely to repeat their strong 1995 showing in which they won the largest bloc of seats in the ousted colonial assembly. The assembly was replaced by a provisional chamber upon Hong Kong's handover to China on July 1.

Under the new electoral plan, functional constituencies will return 30 seats, while another 10 will be elected from an election committee formed with 800 permanent Hong Kong residents from different sectors.

Generals executed in purge of royalists following Cambodian coup

From Tom Fawthrop
in Phnom Penh

IN THE wake of last week's coup, in which Hun Sen, Cambodia's Second Prime Minister, took control of the country, between 35 and 40 royalist military officials, bodyguards and party activists have been summarily killed by his army loyalists and soldiers of the victorious CPP-Cambodian Peoples Party.

The Cambodian Government has confirmed that six leading royalist military figures — including Ho Sok, who was Prince Norodom Ranariddh's chief of intelligence, General Chea Sambath, deputy head of military intelligence, General Ly Sen Hon and General Sam Norin — have been killed.

Prince Ranariddh was the country's First Prime Minister until he was ousted last week during two days of fighting in Phnom Penh while he was in France.

A Western observer summed up the new killings by saying that the six were either shot while in military or police custody, or were killed while being taken into custody.

The Government has accepted that Ho Sok, who had sought sanctuary in the Singapore Embassy in Phnom Penh, was forced to leave the building, then immediately arrested and shot while being held in custody at the Ministry of the Interior. An investigation has been ordered.

However, government sources have claimed that General Cheu Sambath committed suicide. According to a CPP military commander, General Sam Norin, another royalist, was killed "because soldiers got very angry" after they had been hunting for him. They surrounded him and opened fire.

In the capital, several hundred Funcinpec (royalist) MPs, human rights activists and opposition journalists are still in hiding.

☐ Election date: Cambodia's next election will be on May 23, Hun Sen said in an interview. *(Reuter)*

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Royalty builds a new empire in Manhattan

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

MANHATTAN is awash with blue blood from around the world. Thumbing its nose at America's republican heritage, the island now boasts more kings, queens and princelings per square mile than any other place on Earth.

New York's charms — lashings of easy money, a fawning reception from the natives, superlative restaurants and shopping, and even anonymity, — have ensured that the city is home to more royalty than it knows what to do with.

According to *New York* magazine, the following live in the city: Crown Prince Pavlos and Princess Marie-Chantal of Greece; Princess Christina of The Netherlands; Prince and Princess Alexander Romanov of Russia; Prince and Princess Nikita Romanov of Russia; Empress Farah of Iran; Prince Osman of Turkey; Princess Yasmin Aga Khan; and Prince Amoti Nyabongo of Toro, in Uganda.

The latter, a burly member of "New York's finest", is a policemen on the beat in Brooklyn, and his "proudest moment" was to appear once on the Oprah Winfrey Show. The rest are costume jewellers, art dealers, property developers and publishers. Many, of course, do no work at all.

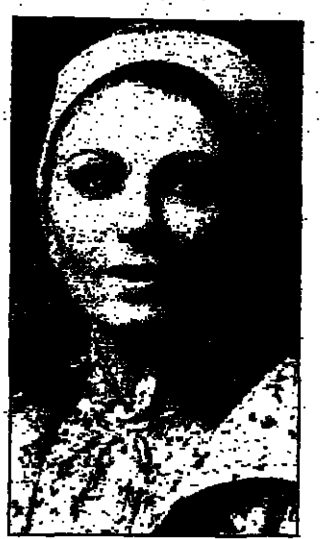
The city also boasts a floating population of royals who live or rule elsewhere, but jet in and out for a spot of New World pace and fun. The best known among them, naturally, is Diana, Princess of Wales, who has been to New York so often this year that people speculate that she might soon take up residence there.

Other frequent fliers include: Sarah, Duchess of York; Princess Margaret; Prince Edward; Princess Michael of Kent; the Sultan of Brunei; Prince Albert of Monaco, and his sisters, the Princesses Stephanie and Caroline; Princess Firyal of Jordan; and King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia of Spain.

Hostesses vie with each other to have them to their Manhattan apartments, or to their homes in Connecticut and Long Island. Charitable organisations latch on to them: restaurateurs pose for photographs with dining royals, plying them with free champagne. Job offers pour in to the younger, impecunious princelings.

Many royals are milking the adulation. Princess Elizabeth of Yugoslavia, for example, has launched her own perfume called E. The box is emblazoned with a gold crown, and has "HRH Princess Elizabeth" in royal blue.

Others have no need for cash. Prince Pavlos of Greece is, to put it bluntly, flush after his marriage to Marie-Chantal Miller, a duty-free heiress. Her father, a billionaire with private jets and a myriad mansions, is the kind of royalty New Yorkers recognised more readily when only money was king. Now, it seems, a crowned head from the Old World is worth as much as millions of dollars in a New World bank.



Empress Farah: happy in the shopping capital

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Crown Prince Pavlos of Greece and his wife Crown Princess Marie-Chantal with baby Maria Olympia. They join numerous other royals charmed by the Big Apple

Abandoned yacht found adrift in Bermuda Triangle

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

A ROYAL Navy frigate found a yacht abandoned and adrift in the Bermuda Triangle. Crew from *HMS London*, who boarded the 50ft German ketch *Ruth* in the mid-Atlantic last week were baffled to find clothes and personal belongings lying around the boat, and even a book open on a bunk.

HMS London's captain, Commander Iain Greenlees, of Campbeltown, west Scotland, said: "We spotted the yacht about 300 miles from Bermuda, on the edge of the Triangle and she looked immediately strange. She had no sails and there were mooring ropes hanging over the side. When we got no response, we sent a small team to investigate."

Inside the yacht, clothes were lying on a bunk, an ashtray was overflowing with cigarette ends and a book was left open as if someone was in the middle of reading it. Personal possessions, including a wedding ring and passports, were lying around the boat. Cmdr Greenlees said: "It looked as though someone had just stepped off it five minutes before, with every intention of returning. The first indication that it had been at sea for longer than that was when one of the team opened the fridge and was knocked back by the stench of rotting food."

The *HMS London* crew ascertained that the yacht belonged to a German couple in their 30s — Ralf Schilling and his wife, whose name is not known. They had sold their home and bought the *Ruth* second-hand, aiming to sail the world. Records showed they had sailed through the Bay of Biscay and past Spain to the Canary Islands last September when the trail runs cold.

Although it appears to have been adrift on the stormy Atlantic for ten months, the *Ruth* was in good condition, without a drop of sea-water on board. After 24 hours of cleaning and repairs to the rudder and sails, it was ready to sail to Puerto Rico, with a volunteer crew skippered by *HMS London's* doctor, Surgeon Lieutenant Suzanne Porter, 26.

When their navigational equipment and engine failed and they sailed into huge storms, the *HMS London* volunteers feared that they too had become victims of the notorious Bermuda Triangle, where ships and planes are reputed to have disappeared.

"When the equipment started failing, we wondered if there was some sort of curse on the boat and it was quite spooky being in the Bermuda Triangle, but morale kept up and we came through it unscathed," Lt Porter said.

Once out of the Bermuda Triangle, the equipment started working again, and the *Ruth* arrived safely in Puerto Rico to rejoin *HMS London* on July 12.

Woman's lost cash returned by cabbie

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

A BRITISH woman aged 71 wept with relief here yesterday when a taxi driver returned a bag with her life's savings to her after she had left it on the back seat of his cab.

Gwendoline Weeks, a retired nurse, moved to New York from London 11 years ago. With an eccentric distrust of banks, and a fear that her neighbours would rob her, she always carries her nest egg with her — a sum totalling $32,859 (£19,500).

Late last week, however, she forgot her precious bag in a taxi driven by Qurbe Munir Tirmizi, 20, a Pakistani immigrant in his third week as a part-time cabbie.

After dropping Mrs Weeks off and driving some distance, he noticed the bag. Pulling over to check if it had an address, he was startled to find that it was stuffed full of dollar bills.

Mr Tirmizi, who is studying to be a jeweller, went straight to the police. Rummaging through the bag, they found a piece of identification that helped them to track down Mrs Weeks. Later the overjoyed pensioner said of Mr Tirmizi: "He's a very nice, kind gentleman. I don't think there's six like him. He's a child of God. I love him."

Turning down her offer of a reward, the taxi driver said: "I just need your blessings to get through my studies and succeed in life."

Yesterday Rudolph Giuliani, the Mayor of New York, praised Mr Tirmizi as "a model citizen". He also revealed that Mrs Weeks had now promised to open a bank account.

☐ **Moscow:** A tramp who found $15,000 — equal to several years' income for most people — while picking through a rubbish dump returned it to the owner and was rewarded with cases of beer, vodka and food. *(AP)*

New drugs cut deaths from Aids

Washington: Deaths from Aids in America plunged by 19 per cent during the first nine months of last year because of the success of new drugs in treating the condition (Bronwen Maddox writes).

The fall to 30,700, compared with 37,900 in the first nine months of 1995, is also due to a slowdown in the spread of the HIV virus. Deaths among women dropped for the first time.

"We have entered a new era in the HIV epidemic, both in terms of treatment and prevention," said Dr Helene Gayle of the Atlanta-based Centres for Disease Control and Prevention.

In the past few months, doctors have begun cautiously to revise their view that infection with the HIV virus was a death sentence.

The new drugs — protease inhibitors — have shown more success than any previous treatments in halting the progress of Aids.

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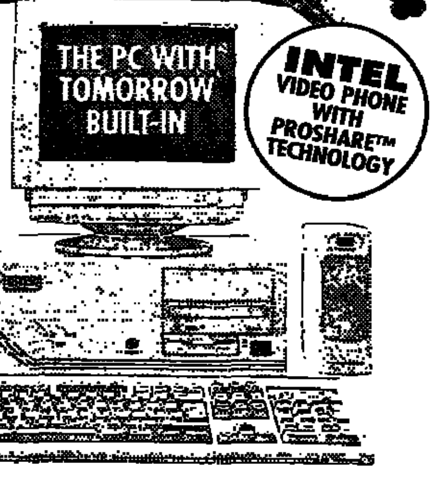

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Gianni Versace celebrating his 1995 spring and summer collection in Paris with model Claudia Schiffer

The man who combined beauty with vulgarity

Gianni Versace turned glitz into an art form. But he was also a masterly cutter, says Style Editor **Grace Bradberry**

Gianni Versace will be remembered as the most unabashedly sexual designer of the late twentieth century — the man who made vulgar and tarty into an art form. He once said that he liked women to look "very good or very bad ... in between just doesn't work", and he amply fulfilled this design philosophy.

In Britain, his most famous creation is undoubtedly the safety-pin dress which held Liz Hurley together so precariously at the première of *Four Weddings and A Funeral*. Other famous customers included Elton John, Bruce Springsteen, Cindy Crawford, Jane Fonda, and, latterly, Diana, Princess of Wales.

Breaking with the tradition of only wearing English designers, Diana wore several outfits by him when she visited Argentina in 1995. A short-sleeved pink suit and powder-blue two-piece were chosen from among his more conservative designs.

But there was much more to him than his celebrity client list. In the fashion world, the 50-year-old designer enjoyed a complex reputation. He was a masterful cutter, and when the late Diana Vreeland visited the young Versace in his workroom, she declared that no one could drape a dress like he could. Over the years, he has also been praised for his "operatic" use of colour, which sprang partly from his love of the theatre and spectacle. In the 1980s he even designed costumes for La Scala.

Versace's best designs had an opulent beauty. The clothes wrapped the body in a uniquely sensuous manner, creating strong strong silhouettes, and his plain column evening dresses, perfect little black numbers, and wonderfully cut jackets were objects of desire for wealthy women around the world.

Yet his designs often crossed the line into bad taste, with Versace appearing to relish the extra step. Joan Collins described one collection, which featured snakeskin print leather serpent dresses, as "tarts' clothes". His studded leather motorcycle jackets teamed with silk blouses and pleated skirts evoked all the glamour of a gangsters' moll. One of the most famous images is of Linda Evangelista, photographed by Richard Avedon, in a tight column dress with jewelled bustier, printed all over with pictures of Warhol's Marilyn. There is even a matching bag, with a gold chain handle.

But if some questioned his Southern Italian style, Versace did not seem to mind, caring most for the opinion of his sister Donatella Versace, 11 years his junior. Her style credo was, "Less is not more. Less is ... less," and she also shared her brother's love of leather.

The bond between them was extremely strong, both emotionally and in terms of design. Her diminutive blonde looks were an inspiration to him, and she is credited with encouraging her brother to raise hemlines, heighten heels and ignore the cries for good taste. She now designs her own line, Versus. Despite his flamboyant style and success, fashion remained for Versace a family concern. His brother Santo handled the business side, and Gianni himself started out as a designer and buyer for his mother's dressingmaking studio. From 1972 to 1977, he became a freelance designer, working for leading Italian fashion houses including Genny. His formed his own company in Milan in 1978, showing his first womenswear collection in 1978, followed by his first menswear in 1979. Always acutely conscious of the commercial, he launched a perfume in 1981.

> 'He is a symbol of the success of Italian fashion'

Versace's creations for men were no more restrained than his womenswear. His most famous designs include silk shirts featuring South Beach motifs, Pop Art graphics and prints inspired by the Italian Renaissance. The designer himself, however, favoured more conservative dress. He sometimes appeared to view himself as a sort of Renaissance prince holding court at his palazzo by Lake Como. The Medusa head, featured in his shops and was an insignia of the Renaissance.

His forays into patrician style notwithstanding, Versace's style remained, for the most part, glitz. He was one of the first designers to pay models £10,000 a show, and once paid Christy Turlington £50,000 to ensure her exclusive appearance. Fittingly, his couture shows were held above the swimming pool of the Paris Ritz.

In the fashion world yesterday, shock was the most common reaction to news of his death. Two years ago, Versace had fought off cancer. It was thought that his best years might still be ahead of him. This was clearly in Giorgio Armani's mind when he said yesterday: "The news of Gianni Versace's death has left me in a state of shock. Gianni was young and talented and he worked so hard. He had overcome a very serious disease with strength and dignity, embracing life with energy and a tremendous desire to accomplish things. Gianni Versace, together with a handful of names symbolises the success of Italian fashion."

Elizabeth Hurley in *that* Versace dress at the première of *Four Weddings and A Funeral*

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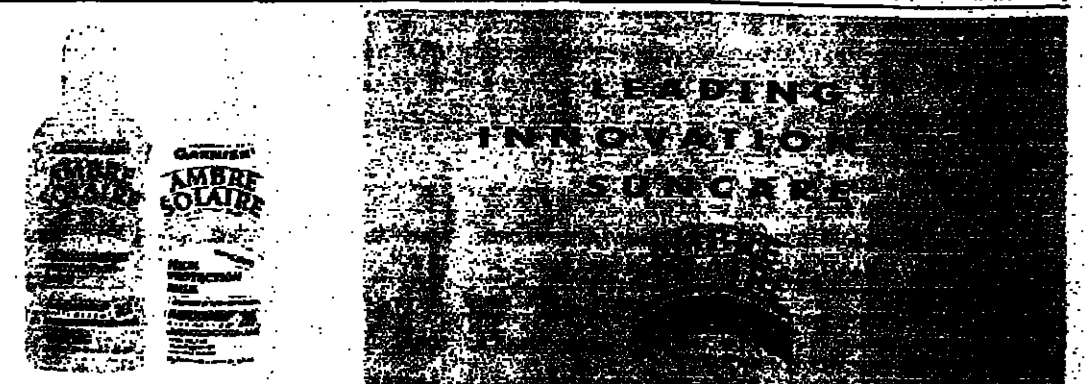

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Tongue-tied + Anorexia + Premier puzzle

Have children become shyer, or is the world just more talkative?

Nigella Lawson

Blame is the currency of modern life: every week throws up a new culprit, a new victim. True, this week's winner is not new to the game. Parents consistently score high on the culpability count. And working parents — those who cannot be blamed for expecting the state to support them — are, ipso facto, found guilty for just about anything you'd care to choose.

This week's choice is shyness. A conference in Cardiff has announced that in the first instance shyness in children is increasing, and in the second, that working parents who don't have enough time to talk to their adolescent children are to blame.

I am prepared to accept that more people consider themself shy than used to (the conference cites a rise of 20 per cent) but that must be partly due to a change in outlook generally. Self-confidence, self-esteem, self-worth: these are concepts that map out the contemporary sensibility; years ago no one thought in such terms. A degree of reticence, of modesty was just good manners: now either is perceived as a pernicious lack of assertiveness, to be cured rather than commended.

I wouldn't begin to try to make a case for crippling shyness. There is nothing to be said for it, other than that it is utter torture. One can get over it, though. I was so shy all through my childhood that I don't think I ever spoke out loud (except at school where I was resolutely un-shy to make up for it) and hated being spoken to. If anyone so much as addressed a question to me, I hated them and myself with a reddening vehemence.

Children and adolescents tend to be shy because they tend to be self-absorbed. My mother was probably quite right to tell me that my shyness was a form of self-centredness. ("No one's interested in you anyway," she used to say. She was probably quite right, though I wouldn't recommend it as the best cure for the problem.) But there is such a thing as a normal amount of shyness: precocity and unstoppable garrulousness are not the most attractive characteristics in a child.

One of the psychologists at this conference points the finger at two sources: parents and television: too little of the former and too much of the latter. The trouble is, you could ask any number of parents of teenage children and they'd tell you that the reason they don't talk to their children is not because they're working too hard, but because their children won't talk to them.

Surely everyone remembers that age when any casual, kindly inquiry is an intrusion, when any parental presence is a resented intrusiveness. There is an age that children reach when all they want to do when they get in from school is slam the door and go to their room. The fact that many children have a television in their bedroom makes things worse. But when we just had stereos, we slammed the door and listened to records instead.

I'm not so sure it is even true that parents talk less to their children now: it's just that parents weren't expected to be so wrapped up in their children a generation ago. I do think the modern way is better, even if it appears emetically sentimental to those out of the loop. If a child feels its parents are interested in it, the chances are it will grow up confident and with a sense of self, that cannot preclude shyness but should prevent it reaching self-destructive levels.

I concede that television can be a problem, but not because it makes people shyer and less able to communicate (the best way to learn a foreign language is by watching foreign television) but because it makes people *feel* shyer. Everyone on television, especially American television and even more especially, children on American television, are articulate, confident, never lost for a word. Who wouldn't feel tongue-tied and inadequate by comparison?

An apple is not so healthy

OF COURSE it's awful that more teenage girls are found to have anorexia, but the hypocrisy that attends the discussion is unbelievable. It's not that it is simply wrong to say that the glossy magazines are to blame: it is unhelpful to see the problem in such simple terms.

No one can doubt that the endless images of skinny women have a battering influence on the young and not-so-young, but we all carry positive images of thinness, and often to ludicrous extremes.

It doesn't surprise me at all that many parents of these children found, by school teachers, to be anorexic never noticed. It's true that anorexic girls are adept at hiding their etiolated forms — with baggy jumpers, voluminous coats, the usual.

But the real reason is that we so prize thinness — seeing it as a sign of discipline, a rigorous bent of mind, all the modern virtues of exercise and abstinence — that we are blinded by admiration.

I was shocked when, a few weeks back, while doing a tour of schools to help promote healthy lunches, Education Secretary David Blunkett sat down opposite a 15-year-old girl who was eating nothing but an apple for lunch and was widely reported to have said: "Now that really is what I call healthy."

I'm sure many people agree with him. From the lack of comment following his remark, it's obvious that they did. Does no one think that it might be bad for a 15-year-old girl to have only an apple for lunch, and what's more, be praised for it?

Now that really is what I call sick.

Try governing, Mr Blair

ONE can hardly blame the Prime Minister for being sensitive to the reactions of the electorate. Cynics and political commentators may point to the insulation of his huge majority, but the memory of what happened when the last Government felt itself to be impervious to the will of the public is a potent one. I am not surprised that Tony Blair wants to play it differently.

But much as one respects his desire to listen, I'm not sure his plan to set up some special focus group, ready to tell the Government where it's going wrong at every turn, is an encouraging sign. A good leader needs to be a good listener, but you can take things too far. Without hearing what's being said, a leader is flawed; but without heeding his own instinct, a leader is lost.

It rather reminds me of the apocryphal story from the set of *Marathon Man*, when Laurence Olivier was purportedly amazed by the amount of research gruesomely undertaken by Dustin Hoffman in preparation for his role. "I should try acting, dear boy," he famously advised.

Without being too impertinent, perhaps one could suggest: try governing, dear boy.

The Princess's crossed wires

IT'S HARD not to feel sorry for the Princess of Wales and even sorrier for her sons, plagued as they are by photographers. I wonder, though, whether the Princess would feel less persecuted if she weren't such an obvious victim of her own reliance on the presspack.

A bit of self-awareness, in place of self-justification, would indicate that to complain about press attention, while talking to a boatload of tabloid hacks wearing nothing but a swimming costume, is certainly giving a mixed message. That's the modern way, anyway, for explaining the behaviour of a tease.

Offspring at the wedding

NO MORE than a postscript is needed to draw a line under the story of the vicar who thinks that children should be banned from marriage ceremonies.

It shouldn't really need to be pointed out to him that unsightly as many children are, they are what the vows he is conducting are all about. But then, I'm not surprised that some of the clergy are ill-disposed towards children: when you come to think of it, many are not the marrying kind, either.

"A good part of myself comes out when I'm teaching. I find myself being instinctual, intuitive, communicative and caring in a way that surprises me"

From geek to hero

Behind Jeff Goldblum's LA babble there lurks a genuine nice guy. Interview by **E. Jane Dickson**

When Mike Tyson sank his teeth into Evander Holyfield's ear, Jeff Goldblum was in the front row of the spectators, and doesn't mind telling you that he found the whole thing "pretty exciting".

"Really fun," chirps Goldblum with a cheerleader's wraparound grin. Frankly, it's not what you expect from Hollywood's hottest intellectual property. Ever since he made his name as the bug-eyed boffin in *The Fly*, Goldblum has cornered the market in nerdy-but-nice parts. In *The Double Helix* he played the scientist who discovered DNA. He was the mathematician who took uncalculated risks with raptors in *Jurassic Park*. Most recently, he saved the universe from marauding aliens as a computer expert in *Independence Day* and now he is back, wrestling theorems and Tyrannosauri Rex with equal aplomb in Steven Spielberg's sequel to *Jurassic Park*, *The Lost World*.

On the subject of his private life he is cordially discreet

The great thing about sequels, of course, is that you don't have to spend time and money setting out your stall. Why bother the audience with a whole new plot when you can blow the budget on bigger, better monsters? It takes a brave man to talk with conviction of "motivation" and "character growth" in a part that boils down to looking very scared and running like hell from a computer-generated menace, but a career spent spouting cod-scientific theories has given Goldblum a thorough grounding in West Coast claptrap:

"In *Jurassic Park* my character, Dr Ian Malcom, started out as someone who is of limited orientation, but I think that through the crises he's involved in, he becomes someone who's ready to sacrifice himself for something larger than himself. That's a classical kind of transformational line," explains Goldblum with no flicker of irony.

He may be right, but the "transformational line" the audience is most likely to notice in *The Lost World* is that Goldblum has been upgraded from the geek in sensible shoes to a smouldering action hero, all glistening black leathers and a shiny red sports car. This is a break, not just for Goldblum, but for the industry as a whole, for in today's mega-budget movie heroes, clever and sexy don't mix. For Goldblum, to recover the lost territory of Gregory Peck and David Niven, would be something of a coup.

"It would be neat," he agrees, blowing the whole deal with a single adjective. "It was certainly enjoyable in this movie to get to be the guy who was smart and active. Working with Steven [Spielberg] is always awesome but this was a very special experience." There is no doubting Goldblum's sincerity or his thoughtfulness, but his habit of speaking like a studio-prepared press release gets in the way of his charm. It is as if, like his character in *The Fly* who got trapped in his own apparatus and turned into an insect, Goldblum has somehow become stuck in the Hollywood publicity machine and turned into Stepford Star.

Maybe this is just what happens when an East Coast boy stays too long in LA. Goldblum was born in Pittsburgh in 1942, the third child of a successful doctor. In the past he has talked freely of a family where the children were under constant threat of violence. "It was always a slap here and a slap there," he told reporters last year. "I remember feeling hemmed in, repressed, enraged. There were beatings with belts and always the threat of a beating. It was terrible and abusive."

These days, although he doesn't deny his earlier outpourings, Goldblum concedes that he may have "misstated, or rather miscommunicated" the case. "I mean," he says smoothly, "there was a struggle. When I got to be a teenager I had the common, painful difficulties with my parents, but I don't think my childhood was uncommonly unhappy."

On graduating from high school he went to study acting at Sandford Meisner's Neighborhood Playhouse in New York. "Sandy transmitted the notion that acting was a very worthwhile, serious thing to dedicate yourself to," says Goldblum, who now teaches acting himself when he is between films in LA. "Teaching is a very humbling kind of activity, but I love to try and do it. A good part of myself, which I enjoy, comes out when I'm teaching. I find myself being instinctual, intuitive, communicative and caring in a way that sometimes surprises me."

Certainly Goldblum's interest in others, whether spontaneous or programmed to please, sets him apart from the average celebrity interview. He constantly solicits your opinion on everything from his reading material (Robert Hughes's *History of Art in America* and Gabriel Garcia Marquez) to the rewards of parenthood. But on the subject of his own private life, he maintains a cordial discretion.

Married for the first time at 23 to the actress Patricia Gaul, he met his second wife, Geena Davis, on the set of *The Fly* and married her in a drive-through ceremony in Las Vegas. Divorced from Davis, he struck up an affair with *Jurassic Park* co-star Laura Dern.

When Dern left him for the Oscar-winning actor Billy Bob Thornton, Goldblum was said to be devastated but now, he says "being single really feels OK". And Goldblum, it seems, has had it with high-profile relationships.

"I've had a little experience, and because of that experience I've got a strong feeling to keep my romantic personal life undisplayed," he says, falling once more into the curious rhythms of Stepford-speak.

Goldblum brings the question to a close by the simple expedient of closing his eyes. Then, as if refreshed by a nanosecond's sleep, he jackknifes his 6ft 4in frame on the hospitality suite sofa and springs back into PR-on-Prozac mode.

"It's not that I've been burnt by fame," he insists. "Fame is generally not unpleasant. And I'm grateful. Grateful is what I am. Yup." He stretches a yawn into a last, yard-long smile. "Actively grateful."

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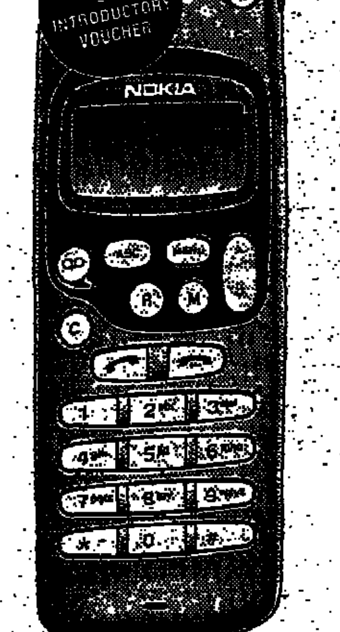

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Alan Coren

■ When a Princess and a grocer embrace, wait for the Punch line

Forgive me — for I cannot help it if the buckling walls of my cerebral attic are stacked with millions of old pictures, upon one or other of which a shaft of moted sunlight will suddenly, unbidden, fall — but when I spotted those jolly fondlings aboard the good ship *Sakara*, there came into my head, willy-nilly, that scene in *The Godfather* when Don Corleone, *il capo di tutti capi*, puts his arms around a close friend, and hugs him. You know that hug. It is the hug which tells you that the hugger expects something from the huggee, which, if it is not delivered, will result in the huggee ending up as part of the New Jersey turnpike.

Is, then, the core issue now facing the bewildered nation this: who initiated the hugging, Mr Mohamed Al Fayed, or the Princess, ie, which of them wanted something from the other? No, it is not: the core issue is that *both* of them wanted something from the other. The hugging, therefore, was that even more intriguing item, a spontaneous mutual grab. I know this, because it would be well-nigh impossible to think of any two other people in the entire world who wanted things more. But what was it, in this case, that they wanted?

We all know what Mr Al Fayed wants, he wants to be Citizen Al Fayed; to which end, when formally frustrated by the Home Office, he made his bid for informal citizenship by snapping up large pieces of the nation's cultural jigsaw, from beloved traditional retail outlets and beloved traditional football clubs, to beloved traditional magazines and beloved traditional Members of Parliament. Indeed — though he chucklingly denies that the repainting of beloved traditional Hammersmith Bridge in the Harrods colours of green and gold had anything to do with him — he is even transforming the beloved traditional Depository beside that bridge into a community of 250 homes, to be called Harrods Village. Mr Al Fayed will soon have his own beloved traditional hamlet.

But, as yet, he doesn't have his own beloved traditional Royal. And if you are to become a truly major weaver of Britain's *cultural woof — il Bottom*, as it were, *di tutti Botti* — then you cannot do without the glint of gold thread which only a Royal can offer. That is why Mohamed is hugging Diana. But what, precisely, does he want from her?

He wants precisely what she wants from him. Isn't that lucky? It means that nobody will end up as part of the New Jersey turnpike. The Princess wants not only love, respect, admiration, and a whole new wardrobe, she also wants the homage of the public prints, especially if her face is on the cover. Now, there is only one certain way of assuring this, and that is to have a public print of your own. Yes, she needs to be the editor of something really knockout. And if it could be something traditionally beloved, that wouldn't hurt either.

I sense that you are ahead of me. You have suddenly remembered that it is almost ten years since *Punch* had as its editor a gorgeous fashion-plate, thus ensuring that it was not only traditionally beloved but also enjoyed big sales and made big bucks. But it has had seven editors since then, each less gorgeous than the one before, its sales have plummeted, and today the big bucks do not get made, they get spent. It is hardly more than a year since it was bought by Mr Al Fayed, since which time some ten million bucks have vanished where the sun don't shine. So then, might there be any way of turning this beloved traditional artefact around, and might that way also put smiles as simultaneous as their yachty hugs onto the faces of Mohamed and Diana?

Oh, I think we think there might, don't we? Any circulation manager will tell you that sticking the Princess's face on a cover puts 20 per cent on the sales, and if your second question were whether he would fancy handling a magazine behind which cover lay 200 pages of material known only to the Princess, and that every week there would be more where that came from, he would fall whimpering to his knees and inquire whether you knew Mephistopheles, because the circulation manager wanted desperately to do a deal involving his immortal soul.

And you would reply, no, not personally, but I know a man who does.

What news from the Piazza

A night at the opera has always cost the earth — but now we have learnt how to bring Covent Garden to a wider public

Simon Jenkins

The Marx Brothers' satire, *A Night at the Opera*, shows First Class passengers on a transatlantic liner strolling with brandy and cigars to the rear of the quarterdeck. There they look down on hundreds of Italian migrants packed into steerage, laughing, dancing, eating spaghetti, and applauding the Verdi arias of a stowaway tenor. The tenor, needless to say, is soon the star of the *Met*.

At Monday night's gala to celebrate Covent Garden's two-year closure, I drifted between the Opera House and the Piazza outside, the Marx Brothers much in mind. In the Piazza, some 5,000 opera enthusiasts were camped out, watching Placido Domingo, Sylvie Guillem, Bryn Terfel and Darcey Bussell relayed on a giant screen. They picnicked on the cobbles, drank wine on the verandas, chatted in the cool evening and cheered as lights played on Inigo Jones's facades. This was an urban Glyndebourne, the opera of the boulevards.

Two thousand people in "First Class" round the corner in Bow Street looked miserable. They were tied up in dinner jackets like lobsters in a cauldron, an occasional claw breaking free to wave for air or a glass of champagne. Two decades of Britain's Great and Good were trooping their favourite colour before their favourite royal, the Prince of Wales. The event was strangely empty of emotion. Presented with 5,000 opera fans in the Piazza and millions on television, the Opera House inexplicably chose an act from *Peter Grimes* as its centrepiece, followed by a series of mostly sad arias. Sadness does not jerk tears when sung out of dramatic context, except when Domingo sings *Otello*. Nor does it broadcast well. The Royal Ballet had to save the day, with Bussell, Guillem and Viviana Durante lifting the evening from the stage and holding it in the required suspense. At the end, Sleeping Beauty faded gloriously from view, "the royal garden transformed into an impenetrable forest". At least for two years.

To move between the jolly crowd outside and the subdued audience inside was to cross a time-warp. Outside was Nineties high-tech, sound and light, youth and the collective enthusiasm of the opera buff. Inside came to seem more and more like a filmset of the Austro-Hungarian empire. A crown prince and his aunt sat surrounded by courtiers, with Government officials and capitalist grandees in attendance. Footmen fluttered. Heads craned and sweat trickled. Who was sitting where? Who was that next to the Prince of Wales and Princess Margaret? Will the Majors talk to the Thatchers? Is that William Hague's girlfriend?

Back outside the irreverent camera panned along the Royal Circle and caught a phalanx of politicians standing to attention. The crowd let out an instinctive boo. Domingo and Bussell restored decorum by appearing on screen to salute the Piazza audience. Last year Angela Gheorghiu and Roberto Alagna came out in person after their *Traviata* to say thank you to the throng. It was a populist *coup de theatre*. Nobody from the Opera House thought to say thank you this time. Yet these were the fans of the future.

At such moments, wicked thoughts cross my mind. Why not preserve the Royal Opera House and redevelop its audience? By the date of reopening in 2000, every stick and stone of Covent Garden would surely be listable for preservation as industrial archaeology. The antique hangings, the lumpy seats, the cherubs, the stage rigging worthy of the *Cutty Sark*, must all be unique. Likewise the famous "Spanish practices" backstage. Where would the Opera House be without its traditional off-sick list, its Mickey Mouse payments and the carpenters on "starvation wages"? Such relics must not be lost to the nation.

Monday's Great and Good, I thought, could be demolished and the doors thrown open with ease. Grand opera has never really been the British Establishment at play, more at dutiful prayer. Covent Garden is a modern "royal peculiar". Ever since its patron saint, Lord Goodman, persuaded successive Governments that subsidised opera mysteriously "trickled down" to exhalt the taxpayer at large, a confidence trick has been under way. Those who like grand opera have grabbed what is now £15 million a year for their cultural tipple. I noticed that pride of placement on Monday went to officials and ministers, not to private wealth. The taxpayer remains the Great Sponsor. The audience should have been asked to sing the final aria from *Fidelio*: "The Minister of State is come to save us! Oh, inexpressible joy!"

Yet all this is changing with closure. The first change is nonsense. The Government is demanding that the Opera House improve accessibility by lowering the price of its seats. This "affordability" correctness is a total waste. Subsidising a few tickets each night in a tiny theatre cannot qualify for £15 million of subsidy a year. I know who the beneficiaries would be. They are the people who sat in the Piazza, most of whom are among the half million who have enjoyed subsidised £10 tickets over the past five years. These are buffs who can afford a ticket once or twice a year, and would now afford a third. They are not a dispossessed proletariat. That proletariat either hates opera or prefers to hear it on CD. Why a handful of people should be given opera tickets at half the going price of a good football match (£20) beats me.

Opera is not for elites. That is a fallacy disproved by recording sales and the Three Tenors. It is for the rich. What costs money is watching opera on stage in person. The only way subsidising such enjoyment can be justified is not through widening access to a single performance but through disseminating it. Dissemination took place on Monday in the Piazza and on BBC television. In his interval speech, the Covent Garden chairman, Lord Chadlington, promised more screen relays, more broadcasting, more recordings and cinema transmissions. This is the necessary change. He will have a fight with his unions, who do not tolerate dissemination except for prohibitive payments.

Covent Garden in the past has polluted the well of arts subsidy. It has used specious arguments for its grants, and has wasted them when given. It tested the elitist fallacy to destruction. The place now has a heaven-sent opportunity to make itself the hub of a nationwide opera network, building on the customers in the Piazza, not the crush bar. Subsidy should not be used to salve the consciences of the rich and Whitehall by making ticket prices less "obscene". Grand opera is obscenely expensive. That is a fact. If poverty is the issue, subsidy should not bring the poor to opera, but take opera to the poor.

Covent Garden has some things right. It is not about to make Paris's mistake, of building afresh and unworkable. The old is being updated, not destroyed. True, the echoes of a thousand dancing feet are to be silenced, the rafters stripped of the sublimest sounds ever heard. But the spirits of the place will survive. They will swirl round the old Piazza for a while, disoriented and forlorn. But their loyalty is to Covent Garden. In two years they will return to the same building, to reconcile the muse of song to new times.

So let us be generous to the old guard. They also paid their dues. They fought as best they knew to save a portion of British culture. They deserve renovation, rather than redevelopment. When the Great and Good come back from their sabbatical, they can have a grand reunion. On can go the black ties and the royalty. Off can go the air conditioning. The champagne can be warmed, the footmen liveried. As the music dies, this fancy-dress audience should stand stock still. The doors will then open and in can pour the occupants of the Piazza, to admire their elders' endurance and discipline.

Books will record their deeds, the divas massaged, the unions bribed, the subsidies cadged, above all the art preserved. For the new Covent Garden is a triumph for the old guard as well as the new. When Darcey Bussell closed the final curtain, Beauty was only put to sleep. After £200 million has been raised and spent, she will awake. I hope on that day it is the same Darcey Bussell who uncurls her marvellous frame and kisses the drama back to life.

Seduced by the Centre

Michael Gove on a persuasive new analysis of Blairism

It is a curious Government that indulges a Prince's ideas but would prohibit his main pastime, allows 16-year-olds to enjoy homosexual acts but not Silk Cut, and takes pride in SAS assassination but protests its foreign policy is moral. All the old tools of analysis seem obsolete when confronted with the Protean nature of Blairism, neither Left nor Right, neither raucously populist nor stringently high-minded, puritan yet promiscuous.

Never has a new leader so bedazzled since, well, since Margaret Thatcher. The differences between her and her predecessors left commentators struggling to identify what she was about: liberal or authoritarian, radical or reactionary, class warrior or meritocrat?

The clearest analysis of what Thatcherism was came from the Left. Her grasp of history and ideological purpose were, initially, better appreciated by a small group of Communists than by the mass of Conservatives. Marxists such as Stuart Hall, Martin Jacques and, most presciently, Eric Hobsbawm, understood the reasons for her success.

They were the first to appreciate how she would recast British society, the first, and best-placed, to realise how she managed her party on Leninist terms. In contrast, the mass of members of the Tory Party could respond to her only emotionally — they reacted to her guts deep in theirs.

Now, if you want to understand what new Labour is, as distinct from who it is, there is reason to look to the Right. Marxists in the 1980s saw the *Zeitgeist*, and the Labour Party, desert them; but the theoretical skills they had developed enabled some of them to understand their opponent with uncluttered vision.

A generation on, one of the few consolations Tories adjusting to Opposition still have is a cadre of thinkers. MPs such as Oliver Letwin and David Willets, and academics such as Robert Skidelsky and Roger Scruton, have minds equipped to analyse Blairism, an absolute precondition of defeating it, or at least providing a foil.

An early, and impressive contribution, to delineating the Blairite mind comes from the Tory think-tank Politeia in a new, and teasingly anonymous pamphlet, *The Dominance of Centrism and the Politics of Certainty*.

The pamphlet identifies one of the salient qualities of new Labour's discourse, "centrism". It finds its expression in the constant erection of outdated opposites, which new Labour rejects in favour of a snappy synthesis. In education, that means rejecting the old Left's notion of mixed-ability teaching in comprehensives and the new Right obsession with selection by ability to come up with schools still comprehensive, but with classes graded by ability.

The centrist position is supposedly attractive because it is the triumph of "common sense" over ideology. In the real world, however, ideology has triumphed over common sense. The centre occupied by Mr Blair now is very different from the centre of 15 years ago. Blairites argue they have changed because "the world has changed" but that did not happen by accident. Centres no longer hold because ideologues, from Keith Joseph to Charles Murray, have shifted the argument.

To balance and reconcile, rather than to think from first principles, makes politics a process of calculation rather than a journey of conviction. The impression of strong leadership is, however, communicated by the "centrist" Government because, having identified the golden mean as the only path, there is no need to agonise about implementation, when one can simply order compliance. The Blair Government is capable of producing an Education White Paper which is much more ambitious in scope than anything tried by John Major because of the certainty at the top that the right "balance" has finally been struck. The progressives and free-marketeers have failed, so the right course is traditional teaching, centrally controlled.

Would that it were so. There is no reason to doubt the Government's embrace of rigour and standards. If there's madness it's in their method. As Lord Skidelsky has pointed out the precedents for establishing central control of teaching in a free society are not encouraging. The only effective modernisers hitherto who have brought order to chaotic classrooms from their own desks have been Napoleon Bonaparte and Stalin. Both were, of course, in their own way strong men of the centre picking up the pieces after divisive ideological experiments.

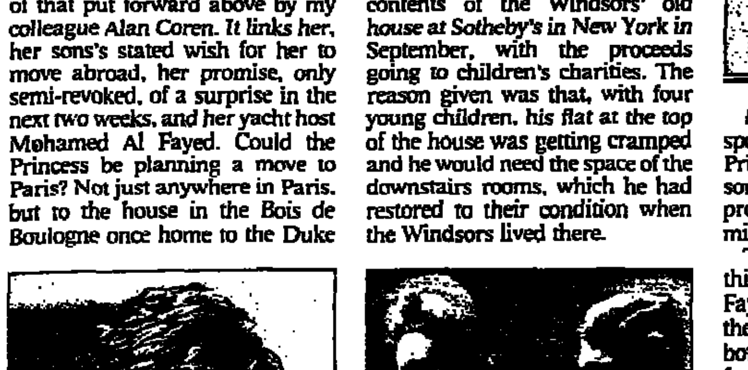
Irony aside, both Skidelsky and the author of *The Dominance of Centrism* recognise that in education now, like industry in the 1980s, it is choice and the spur of competition which best guarantees excellence. The market has not failed education, it has never been tried.

The author of *The Dominance of Centrism* believes the suffocating certainties of a Government determined to order and regulate will create a demand for a party committed to pluralism. If his analysis of the durability of that demand is right, and nature abhors a vacuum, then the logical consequence is a Conservative Party of a more libertarian temperament, a party that will not regulate pleasures on fields or in bedrooms, will not moralise abroad or cajole at home, but trust to the good sense of the lightly governed. If the pressure of political competition produced such a party, then true liberals, such as the author of this pamphlet, would find a home and a vindication.

Going, going

IN all the wild speculation about the future of Diana, Princess of Wales, one theory rears above all others, with the possible exception of that put forward above by my colleague Alan Coren. It links her, her sons's stated wish for her to move abroad, her promise, only semi-revoked, of a surprise in the next two weeks, and her yacht host Mohamed Al Fayed. Could the Princess be planning a move to Paris? Not just anywhere in Paris, but to the house in the Bois de Boulogne once home to the Duke and Duchess of Windsor and now owned by Al Fayed.

Last week Al Fayed announced that he would be auctioning off the contents of the Windsors' old house at Sotheby's in New York in September, with the proceeds going to children's charities. The reason given was that, with four young children, his flat at the top of the house was getting cramped and he would need the space of the downstairs rooms, which he had restored to their condition when the Windsors lived there.



Diana: will she be moving in to the Windsors' old Paris home?

THE TIMES DIARY

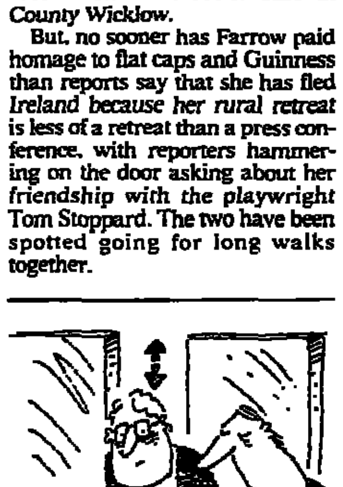
Michael Cole, Al Fayed's bullish spokesman, says the theory of the Princess moving in to the Windsors' old digs is phooey, the product of feverish journalistic minds in the South of France.

Those who are familiar with the thinking of the Princess and Al Fayed, however, say it would tickle the anti-Establishment instincts of both of them to install Diana in the former home of the greatest of all the royal exiles. What is more, Paris has the advantage over New York, the other place spoken of as a possible future home for Diana, in being close enough to London for her to see her two sons regularly.

... Gone

MIA Farrow, the actress and serial child adopter, is the latest victim of the notorious curse of *Hello!* magazine. In the latest issue, the actress is photographed "Finding contentment at her new home in Ireland". The seven-page spread depicts Farrow and children in various states of rustic bliss in County Wicklow.

But, no sooner has Farrow paid homage to flat caps and Guinness than reports say that she has fled Ireland because her rural retreat is less of a retreat than a press conference, with reporters hammering on the door asking about her friendship with the playwright Tom Stoppard. The two have been spotted going for long walks together.



"That must be Di's surprise, she's not in the papers"

A source on the set of her latest movie *Miracle at Midnight*, which was shot in Ireland, said: "Mia was extremely annoyed when she discovered her privacy was being wrecked and decided it was time to seek peace and quiet elsewhere."

Perennial

FEARING that his 88th birthday this week might be his last, the Queen's dress designer, Sir Hardy Amies, has decided to throw a party. More than 300 guests have been invited to view his autumn/winter collection in Savile Row today, and a further 100 are requested to attend The Old School House, his home in Langford, Gloucestershire, this weekend for cocktails.

Yesterday the designer was being modest. "I wanted to do something because I might not be around next year. But it's all very low key — most of the guests will just be local gentry." One client who will not be sending Sir Hardy a card is the Queen. "Her Majesty never remembers me," he sighs.

● *There may be a quite rational explanantion to the confusion over what exactly Diana, Princess of Wales, told the Royal reporters observing her holiday on Monday. Having been reported as saying she had a surprise in store, her office in London yesterday issued a semi-denial. Looking at the pictures of her in her motor launch making her original remarks to the reporters, it is noticeable that not one of them appears to have either a tape recorder or notebook to hand.*

Never again

LIFE as a television talking head is not for William Dalrymple, the travel writer. On Monday night he was sporting a tandoori tan at the Turtle Key Arts Centre, in Fulham, at the launch party of *Liberty or Death: India's Journey to Independence and Division*, by his close friend Patrick French. The highlight of the evening came when a copy of the book was propelled into the Fulham night from a clay-pigeon trap. Not that Dalrymple, known at Cambridge as "Dribble", was to be humoured.

He has just finished work filming a six-part documentary on the Indian partition for on Channel 4. "It was awful," he said between puffs on a cheroot. "I was up at five, then worked for 12 hours and managed to get only one hour's work completed — and that was pretty embarrassing. From now on I will stick to print."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Dead girl's award to be challenged

SIXES AND SEVENS

The new grading of teachers will be too imprecise

Matthew Arnold, perhaps Britain's most famous school inspector, understood the problems of grading teachers even in Victorian times. Teachers, he said, "are the greatest gainers by a system of reporting which clearly states what they do and what they fail to do; not one which drowns alike success and failure, the able and inefficient, in a common flood of vague approbation". More than a century later, it is this culture of vague approbation that the Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted) is fighting against. Whether its proposed changes in assessment will help is another matter.

At the moment, teachers are graded by Ofsted inspectors on a sliding scale from one (excellent) to seven (unsatisfactory). The trouble is that inspectors are loath to award sixes and sevens. These grades necessitate a confrontation with the teacher concerned and extra attendance at the teacher's lessons. Worst of all, for some inspectors, is the thought of the consequences that might follow for the poor teacher.

As a result, only 88 out of 4,900 teachers inspected were given such a grade last year, according to the latest Ofsted report, less than 2 per cent of the total. Ofsted's proposed solution is to reduce the number of grades to three: with teachers who formerly would have been marked one or two in the top set, threes and fours in the middle, and fives, sixes and sevens at the bottom. The idea is that inspectors will be less reluctant to award the bottom grade where it is due.

Ofsted will continue to grade lessons on a seven-point scale, which will provide useful information to the head. But the blurring of distinctions in the teacher assessments seems to be a move away from the honest practices that Matthew Arnold praised. There is a difference, which should be recognised, between a teacher who is good and one who is excellent. It should also be possible to distinguish between one who is a little worse than average and another who should not be allowed near a classroom. A headteacher needs to be told whether the inspectors think that a teacher's career can be rescued with a little remedial training, or whether it merits a P45.

If inspectors are reluctant to divulge this information, Ofsted's proposed solution is an admission of defeat. The problem should be soluble at source. If former teachers, who make up the bulk of the inspectorate, are oversympathetic, perhaps the lay representation should be increased. Ofsted needs to recruit more inspectors who share the Government's "zero tolerance of failure", and are concerned more about the children than the staff.

Certainly inspectors and teachers should be reassured that a bad Ofsted grade cannot alone destroy a career. Headteachers, who work with their staff day in and year out, should know them better than a stranger who sits in on a few lessons in the course of a week's inspection. An Ofsted grade can be a useful confirmation of a head's own assessment; but if it is undeserved, the head will be the first to know. The function of Ofsted, like that of a management consultant, is to reinforce what managers already realise or suspect, and to give them ammunition to make the necessary changes.

To headteachers, the most useful reform will be a streamlining of disciplinary proceedings for teachers, as outlined by Stephen Byers, the school standards minister, in May. He wants to see incompetent teachers sacked, and would like the time that this takes to be cut from an average of 18 months to six. Teachers' unions should welcome this move. If they want to be treated as a profession, they should be as intolerant of low standards as any other group of professionals. Only then will they be able to restore the professional pride and respect that teaching deserves.

THE COSTS OF DIVISION

Cyprus cannot maintain the status quo

For the first time for years there is a glimmer of good news from Cyprus. President Clerides briefed Tony Blair yesterday on his recent talks with Rauf Denktas, the Turkish Cypriot leader, saying that the Troutbeck meeting — assiduously prepared by the United Nations and British and American special envoys — had yielded encouraging results. The two men, former colleagues in colonial days, renewed their acquaintance in total seclusion. They made enough progress to agree to further meetings in Nicosia to resolve urgent humanitarian questions. And they will meet again for constitutional talks in Switzerland next month.

Given the repeated failure of earlier meetings, diplomats are wary of any talk of a breakthrough. But it does seem possible that this time they have got the formula right. Using the example of Dayton, they have eschewed palliatives and partial resolutions and have proposed a complete package for a lasting settlement. This includes steps to establish a bizonal, bicommunal federation, a redrawing of the map to reduce the Turkish area from 37 to 28 per cent, return or compensation for refugees and the withdrawal of the 36,000 Turkish troops. If the package were agreed, its implementation would be phased, with specific timetables for a referendum, the new constitutional arrangements and the troop withdrawal.

Harmonising the diplomatic efforts needed to get this far is in itself an achievement. Britain and America each appointed hard-headed former diplomats — Sir David Hannay and Richard Holbrooke — and the United Nations has turned to Diego Cordovez, the former Ecuadorian Foreign Minister who successfully negotiated the exit of Soviet troops from Afghanistan. They have co-ordinated the pressure on the two community leaders, making a walkout by either costly. They have taken advantage of the European Union's forthcoming accession negotiations to focus Cypriot attention. And they have made clear to both communities, especially to Mr Denktas, that the status quo is increasingly uncomfortable and untenable.

Both sides must now submit draft constitutions as a basis for the final round of negotiations after the Greek Cypriot presidential elections. The make-or-break talks come next year. Much could go wrong before then. On both sides there are hardliners and rejectionists: politicians such as former President Kyprianou among the Greek Cypriots and nationalist "grey wolves" on the Turkish side. Public opinion is deeply cynical and can swiftly be manipulated if fresh incidents occur on the green line. Mr Denktas' commitment to a settlement is unclear, and he may believe that he can fall back on the alternative — a Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus ever more closely integrated with Turkey. And the Greek side has not renounced its plans to deploy Russian missiles, although diplomats believe that such a suicidal step is unlikely as long as talks continue.

Britain, with sovereign bases and a large UN presence on Cyprus and some 350,000 Cypriots living here, has a vital interest in a settlement. Mr Blair made clear yesterday that this country will underpin any measure to rebuild confidence between the two communities. Division has gone on too long, at too high a cost.

GOLDEN OLDIES

A good excuse for a celebration

We are living through a golden age for golden weddings. In glorious summer sunshine, a garden party took place yesterday at Buckingham Palace for some 4,000 fortunate couples chosen by ballot from among those who, like the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, celebrate their 50th anniversaries this year. Across the country, 36,000 other aureate couples have received a letter of congratulation from the Sovereign and her Consort. The monarchy shows itself to best advantage in such discreet yet munificent displays of national solidarity. What, though, are we supposed to be celebrating?

First, the institution of matrimony. Fifty years ago, there was anxiety about divorce, as hasty wartime alliances collapsed. Yet only one in ten marriages then ended in divorce; the figure has more than trebled since. There are many explanations for this change, not all of them self-deceiving; but those couples whose vows have stood the test of time have every reason to rejoice. They are likely to have married younger than most couples do today, but also to have lived longer than their predecessors: the first NHS generation has had a good innings. Though life expectancy will doubtless rise further, it may not keep pace with a falling birthrate, later nuptials and greater divorce. So it could be a while before we see so many golden weddings again.

We are also celebrating the postwar British renaissance. It takes an effort to imagine ourselves back to July 1947, even for those who remember. Attlee's Labour Government tried to run a war economy in peacetime, and even bread was rationed for the first time. Shortages afflicted almost everyone: that July *The Times*, like other newspapers, was obliged to cut its size for the second time in a year, and in September women were urged to wear shorter skirts to save material.

It was no great summer for honeymoons abroad: exchange controls were draconian, while affordable air travel and package holidays belonged to the future. It had been easier to make a virtue of Britain's island status during the war. After the euphoria of victory had come disillusionment: building the socialist Jerusalem was an uphill task, and the Cold War had just begun. Amid Europe's ruins, dark visions of past and future were taking shape: Primo Levi's *If This is a Man* and Albert Camus' *The Plague* appeared that year; George Orwell's *Nineteen Eighty-four* followed in 1949.

Yet 1947 was not a bad dawn in which to be alive: the year of the Marshall Plan and Dior's New Look; the year when American musicals hit the West End and Edinburgh held its first international festival. Even in the most straitened circumstances, to be young is very heaven. For those whose marriages have now ripened into old age, it will always remain a year of grace.

Last, but not least, we celebrate the lives and loves of the jubilee couples. Their children and grandchildren may not always follow their example, but the golden oldies remain an inspiration for the whole nation.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Realities of power in Hong Kong

From Sir Robin McLaren

Sir, Jonathan Dimbleby's privileged and openly partisan account of Mr Christopher Patten's governorship of Hong Kong will no doubt give rise to many articles similar in tone to Simon Jenkins's, "The Governor, treason and plot" (July 12; see also letters, July 1, 7). Allegations of betrayal and Foreign Office conspiracies always make good copy.

I led the British team during the abortive negotiations with China about Mr Patten's electoral reforms in 1993. I supported what he was trying to achieve then, and have done so since. But these are not black and white questions. Time alone will tell whether the rights and freedoms of Hong Kong people, which are what matters, will have been reinforced or damaged by the bitter disputes with China of the last few years.

What is deplorable and offensive is the imputation that the ministers, governors and officials responsible for the handling of Hong Kong affairs before Mr Patten's appointment had no interest in the cause of democracy in Hong Kong, seeing it as a distraction from the proper business of cultivating good relations with China.

From the signature of the Joint Declaration in 1984 onwards a key issue for British policymakers was not *whether* to develop democratic institutions in Hong Kong but *how* to do so in a way which would not only meet the aspirations of people in Hong Kong but last beyond the change of sovereignty.

In the 1980s the Government's judgment was that that objective was best achieved by working so far as possible *with* the Chinese who were then drafting the Basic Law, a process which the Government quite properly wished to influence.

Dimbleby revives the old charge that a sounding of Hong Kong opinion in 1987 was fudged, leading to the postponement of the first direct elections in the territory from 1988 to 1991. He argues in his book, *The Last Governor*, that if direct elections had been held in 1988, without Chinese agreement, it is "almost inconceivable" that China would have defied the world by "openly dismembering a democratic process which . . . enjoyed widespread support in the community". Sadly, the only evidence points the other way: the Chinese *have* dismantled the legislature freely elected in 1995, despite strong international and Hong Kong protests.

There is room for more than one view about how Britain should have handled its responsibilities for Hong Kong in face of the stark reality that China has always had the power to impose its will. It is important that the debate should be conducted calmly and objectively. Blanket charges of dishonourable conduct do not increase the credibility of those who make them.

Yours faithfully,
ROBIN McLAREN
(British Ambassador to China, 1991-94),
11 Hillside, Wimbledon, SW19.
July 12.

From Lord Hurd

Sir, The debate about Hong Kong seems in danger of getting out of hand. I know of no justification for headlines about betrayal, treason or plot.

It was possible honourably to advise ministers that in 1992 and 1993 we should negotiate in secret with the Chinese on the shape of the Legislative Council, and accept the most democratic arrangement to which they would agree. Chris Patten, John Major and I had a different view, which prevailed. I believe that we were right. But I did not and do not question for a moment the integrity of those who differed.

Yours faithfully,
HURD,
House of Lords.
July 14.

Fruits of experience

From Mr Morcom Lunt

Sir, The 1957 Commonwealth Trans-Antarctic Expedition was documented in the 1958 book of the same name by Sir Vivian Fuchs and Sir Edmund Hillary. John Lewis was the expedition's chief pilot. When he was measured for his windproofs, the authors record that he announced gleefully: "I'm 42-44-46. Call me Pear!"

I would suggest that the phrase "going pear-shaped" now means an unwelcome, but not wholly unexpected outcome, such as a lean young man of 40-28-34 becoming 42-44-46. And, as previous correspondents have pointed out (letters, July 7, 10, 12), the phrase can apply equally well to all manner of human endeavour.

Yours sincerely,
MORCOM LUNT,
7A Adams Road, Cambridge.
July 14.

From Mr Duncan Bryson

Sir, My *Dictionary of Word and Phrase Origins* by Nigel Rees (Cassell, 1996) defines pear-shaped as: "Out of control, chaotic. Because it is a collapse from the perfect sphere."

Yours sincerely,
DUNCAN BRYSON,
109 Martin Avenue,
Irvine, Ayrshire.
July 12.

Bill of Rights and role of judiciary

From the Director of Liberty

Sir, John Mackenzie (letter, July 11) suggests that a Bill of Rights would not answer his client's problem about the unfairness of the courts-martial system. I am sure that the incorporation of the European Convention on Human Rights into domestic law will not cure all our ills and that the rights in the Convention need to be improved on with a domestic Bill of Rights. Nevertheless the Government's proposal to incorporate it will contribute significantly to the protection of human rights in this country.

Whether the new system would have helped Mr Mackenzie's client will depend first on whether our judges are properly trained in the law of the Convention and are committed to make decisions in line with international human-rights jurisprudence.

Secondly, Parliament needs to ensure that the Act that incorporates the Convention is given sufficient status so that the courts can ensure that laws are applied without violating human rights. This may mean adopting the Canadian system, which preserves parliamentary sovereignty whilst protecting rights. If Canadian courts have to resolve a conflict between their charter of rights and other legislation, charter rights are given precedence.

The statute is rarely struck down: instead the courts either "read in" the missing rights or make it clear that in the particular circumstances part of the statute no longer applies. Parliament can then choose to re-enact the statute, adding a clause stating that the provision applies "notwithstanding" the charter. Fortunately the Canadian Parliament rarely takes this action.

If this system had been in place Mr Mackenzie's client could have received the justice he deserved in the courts in this country.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN WADHAM,
Director,
The National Council for
Civil Liberties,
21 Tabard Street, SE1.
July 11.

From Professor Peter Rowe

Sir, Whilst I have great respect for the views of John Mackenzie I do not feel that he has been entirely fair to the judges who, he comments, "go to great lengths to avoid disrupting state administration, particularly for some reason in matters involving the Armed Forces".

Mr Mackenzie draws attention to the proceedings in the Divisional Court of the Queen's Bench Division in the Findlay case, where leave to apply for judicial review was refused. The point raised by Mr Mackenzie, concerning the role of the convening officer in the court-martial proceedings, was answered by Lord Justice Evans (with whom Mr Justice Otton concurred) in the following passage:

> The position is that the convening officer here acted entirely throughout in accordance with the relevant statutory provisions and rules. It seems to be, at least, that there is no ground for alleging any breach of natural justice against the procedures when this was done.

The judges were faced with a clear statutory provision. The issue is not, as Mr Mackenzie suggests, to deny the efficacy of a Bill of Rights, but to ensure that existing legislation is amended (as in the case of the Armed Forces Act 1996 in the light of the decision of the European Commission on Human Rights in the Findlay case) so as to comply with it. In addition, the role of the judges in dealing with possible conflicts will need to be carefully considered.

The judges have become involved in "disrupting" the administration of the Armed Forces in granting judicial review in one recent case, R v Admiralty Board of the Defence Council, *ex parte* Coupland (1995).

Yours faithfully,
PETER ROWE
(Head of the Department of Law),
Lancaster University,
Department of Law,
Bailrigg, Lancaster.
July 11.

From Mr Richard A. Edwards

Sir, I was rather surprised to read that John Mackenzie believes that a Bill of Rights will make little difference to the protection of fundamental rights and freedoms. Canadian experience under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms (1982) indicates otherwise.

Take for example the issue raised by Mr Mackenzie, courts martial. In Regina v Généreux (1992) the Supreme Court of Canada held that a trial presided over by the Judge Advocate violated the Charter right to trial by a independent and impartial tribunal. The Judge Advocate lacked not only security of tenure, but also financial and institutional independence.

Prior to 1982 the record of Canadian judges in this field was dismal. But in the fifteen years since the Charter was enacted the Canadian judiciary has made a conscious and successful effort to improve the protection of rights and freedoms.

There is no reason for believing that our judges cannot also rise to this challenge.

Yours etc,
RICHARD A. EDWARDS,
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July 11.

Smoking debate

From Mrs Jacqui Lait

Sir, In the debate about tobacco advertising and sponsorship (report and leading article, July 14) under-age children, particularly girls, are assumed to be attracted by the lifestyles implied by the tobacco companies. I am afraid that is too easy.

Some children passing through puberty use tobacco as a prop to help establish them as independent people, to deal with their uncertainties and confusions and to challenge the "grown-ups". If tobacco is made harder to obtain, they will replace it with something else that will still challenge the norms of adult society.

While our tobacco duty remains so much higher than that on the Continent, and every Budget increases the differential, the smuggling and bootlegging of tobacco will continue to be hugely profitable. Children will continue to be able to get hold of tobacco products cheaply.

History shows that the only way to stop smuggling is to take the profit out of it. If the Government seriously wants to reduce tobacco consumption, health ministers could be more usefully engaged in persuading their continental counterparts to put up customs duties, rather than taking the easy but more high-profile option of banning advertising.

Yours faithfully,
JACQUI LAIT
(Conservative MP for
Hastings and Rye, 1992-97),
Leasam Grange, Leasam Lane,
Rye Foreign, East Sussex.
July 14.

From the Executive Director, Industry Affairs, of the Tobacco Manufacturers' Association

Sir, Your leading article yesterday (and thus Mr Gerald Solomon's letter today commenting on it) stated that cigarettes can be legally purchased at 16. They can actually be purchased at any age. The law is concerned with their *sale*, which is restricted to the over-16s. The law as it relates to alcohol, unlike tobacco, concerns both seller and purchaser.

Making 18 the age at which tobacco can legally be sold is no good in isolation, since controlling the sale of fireworks, scratch cards, lottery tickets and alcohol is difficult enough with no identity-card system to help retailers. Ask any shopkeeper.

Moreover, right now, young people can marry and start a family at 16, join the Armed Services at 17, get a driving licence at 17, be sold fireworks, lottery tickets, solvents and knives at 16. Being required to wait until 18 for the legal sale of tobacco seems anomalous.

To reduce the incidence of teenage smoking, which is currently running at 0.07 per cent of the market, is a societal aim which should be shared by government, educators, parents, the tobacco industry, its retailers, and the youngsters themselves. It requires an holistic approach with no finger pointing solely at the industry.

Yours faithfully,
CLIVE TURNER,
Executive Director,
Industry Affairs,
Tobacco Manufacturers' Association,
55 Tufton Street, SW1.
July 15.

Pay as you learn

From Dr Anthony Clayton

Sir, Obviously if universities charge tuition fees of £1,000 a year or more (article, "Payment by degrees", July 9), students from poorer families will face difficulties that are perhaps insuperable.

How about a National Scholarship Fund funded from the National Lottery?

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY CLAYTON,
De Montfort University,
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War and Society,
Polhill Avenue, Bedford.
July 11.

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'El Che' in Cuba

From Mr Maurice Baird-Smith

Sir, The return of the remains of Che Guevara to Cuba (World in brief, July 14) brings back vivid memories of the contacts I had with him in the early 1960s when I was director of an international oil company in Havana which was sequestered by the Cuban Government.

"El Che" was an out and out Communist who never hid his belief that we should be got rid of. To visit him in his office was an unforgettable experience. He sat in "battle dress" with two pistols on the desk pointing at me. He was always very courteous but left no doubt that he was dealing with an organisation which he felt the world could well do without.

Yours sincerely,
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July 14.

Missing names from curtain call

From Sir Peter Hall

Sir, As you report today, the last night of the Royal Opera House on July 14 was a great celebration: but the heart sank when the speeches began.

The chairman of the development appeal (Vivien Duffield) thanked the past and present chairmen of the board and those who had given money to the building fund; the present chairman thanked the past chairman, the appeals chairman, the audience, and finally the artists.

But of the names of the three great administrators and general directors of the past 50 years — David Webster (1944-70), John Tooley (1970-88) and Jeremy Isaacs (1988-97) — there was not a mention. These were the men who, against all the odds and with the indifference of successive governments, have created a great institution.

The Royal Opera House wouldn't be there to rebuild if it wasn't for them, Webster with his vision, Tooley with his tenacity and Isaacs with his canniness have been true professionals in an amateur world.

If you run a national institution you must, like Nelson on his column, expect the attention of passing pigeons. But you are entitled to a little named support from the home team.

Yours,
PETER HALL
(Director), The Peter Hall Company,
The Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1.
July 15.

Classical acting

From Mr David Suchet

Sir, I am very aware that the standards of verse-speaking in our classical dramas are declining (report and leading article, July 9). Sadly nowhere is it more evident than in our major national companies, although I note that the Royal National Theatre is responding to the challenge (letter, July 14).

Might I humbly suggest that the Royal Shakespeare Company, in particular, creates a postgraduate drama school where training in verse-speaking for actors who wish to act in classical repertoire could be most successfully undertaken.

Originally the Guildhall School of Speech and Drama was intended to be linked with the Royal Shakespeare Company at the Barbican. This failed to happen. I sympathise with drama schools in that they have to produce actors for our modern world, but the classics, and Shakespeare in particular, are our greatest theatrical heritage and part of any actor's repertoire has to be the skill of verse-speaking.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID SUCHET,
c/o ICM,
Oxford House, 76 Oxford Street, W1.

Cathedral closure

From Lady Bannerman

Sir, On arriving at Ely Cathedral yesterday we were told that this place of worship was closed to visitors (and those wishing to pray) for five days because there was a "Flower Festival". We entered, despite the protestations of the flower gatekeepers, only to find the place alive with flower arrangers.

A gaggle of flower police made an unsuccessful attempt to expel us, whereupon one of them *shouted* down the nave for extra support from a canon. This cleric duly barred our way, protesting that he was busy, Royalty was expected, and in any case he, as a canon of the cathedral, along with the bishop et al, did by law *own* the cathedral and had the right to close it at any time.

Now what was a convent-reared girl like myself to do? There weren't many money changers in evidence, but should I have driven the whole lot out of the temple? Should I have overturned the tables of the huge flower arrangements? Do we need another religious revolution? Count me in.

Yours,
PRUE BANNERMAN,
3 St Georges Road, St Margarets,
Twickenham, Middlesex.
July 11.

Childrearing costs

From Councillor George Richey

Sir, Your headline (July 10, earlier editions), "Sterilised mother who had baby wins £100,000", was faced on the opposite page, heading an article on the cost of bringing up a child, with "Why parents are £50,000 out of pocket".

An indication of future inflation perhaps.

Yours sincerely,
GEORGE RICHEY,
The Milncroft,
West Felton, Shropshire.

Further to your letter

From Mr Roger Cookson

Sir, Please publish this letter. I am old, sad and unbearably lonely, and would derive maximum benefit (on all fronts) from an anonymous Fortnum & Mason hamper (letter, July 15).

Yours, in anticipation of
imminent relief,
ROGER COOKSON,
20 Temple Fortune Lane, NW11.
July 15.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 15: Major General Iain Mackay-Dick was received by The Queen this morning upon relinquishing his appointment as Major General Commanding the Household Division when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood and invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order.

His Excellency Mr Mohammad Khodor and Mrs Khodor were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador from the Syrian Arab Republic to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency Dr Ante Cicin-Sain and Mrs Cicin-Sain were received in farewell audience by Her Majesty and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador from the Republic of Croatia to the Court of St James's.

The Governor-General of Antigua and Barbuda was received by The Queen.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh gave an Afternoon Party in the Garden of Buckingham Palace as part of their Golden Wedding celebrations.

Her Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms and The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeoman of the Guard were on duty.

The Bands of the Life Guards and the Royal Artillery played selections of music during the afternoon.

The Rt Hon Anthony Blair MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of The Queen this evening.

The Duke of Edinburgh this morning held the judging of The Prince Philip Prize for the Designer of the Year at Buckingham Palace.

His Royal Highness, Patron and Trustee. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, this afternoon attended a Luncheon at the Royal Automobile Club, *Pall Mall, London SW1.*

The Duke of Edinburgh this evening attended the Cottage Homes Dinner at St James's Palace.

The Baroness Gould of Potternewton (Baroness in Waiting) called upon The President of the Republic of Cyprus at the Hyde Park Hotel, Knightsbridge, London SW1, this morning and, on *behalf of Her Majesty,* welcomed His Excellency on his Arrival in this Country.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by the Baroness Gould of Potternewton (Baroness in Waiting) at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of the Lord Taylor of Gosforth (formerly Lord Chief Justice of England) which was held in St Paul's Cathedral this afternoon.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent were represented by Mr Nicolas Adamson.

The Lady Susan Hussey has succeeded Mrs Christian Adams as Lady in Waiting to Her Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 15: The Prince Edward, Patron, this evening took the Salute at the Royal Tournament, Earls Court, London SW5.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 15: The Princess Royal, Patron, SENSE - the National Deafblind and Rubella Association, this morning opened the new building at Blackmarston School, Honddu Close, Hereford, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Hereford and Worcester (Sir Thomas Dunne).

Her Royal Highness later opened Ross Community Hospital, Alton Street, Ross-on-Wye, and was received by Lieutenant Sir John Cotterell (Deputy Lieutenant of Hereford and Worcester).

The Princess Royal this afternoon opened Kidderminster Library, Market Street, Kidderminster, and was received by Sir Thomas Dunne.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
July 15: The Prince of Wales, Patron, ActionAid, this morning attended a seminar on adult literacy and afterwards attended a Reception at St James's Palace.

His Royal Highness this afternoon opened the new Romano Gallery at the British Museum, London WC1.

The Prince of Wales, President, Business in the Community, this evening attended the launch of "Principles of Corporate Community Investment" at the National Liberal Club, Westminster, London SW1.

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 15: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Honorary President, the British Museum Development Trust, was present this evening at the Annual Dinner for Patrons and other friends of the Museum at the British Museum, London WC1.

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 15: Princess Alice, Duchess of *Gloucester, Patron,* the Blackie Foundation Trust, this afternoon received Mr Robin Holland-Martin, Vice President and past Chairman of the Trust.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Deputy President, today visited the East of England Agricultural Society Show, Peterborough, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire (Mr James Crowden).

YORK HOUSE
July 15: The Duke of Kent, Vice Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, this evening attended the Annual Dinner at Claridge's, Brook Street, London W1.

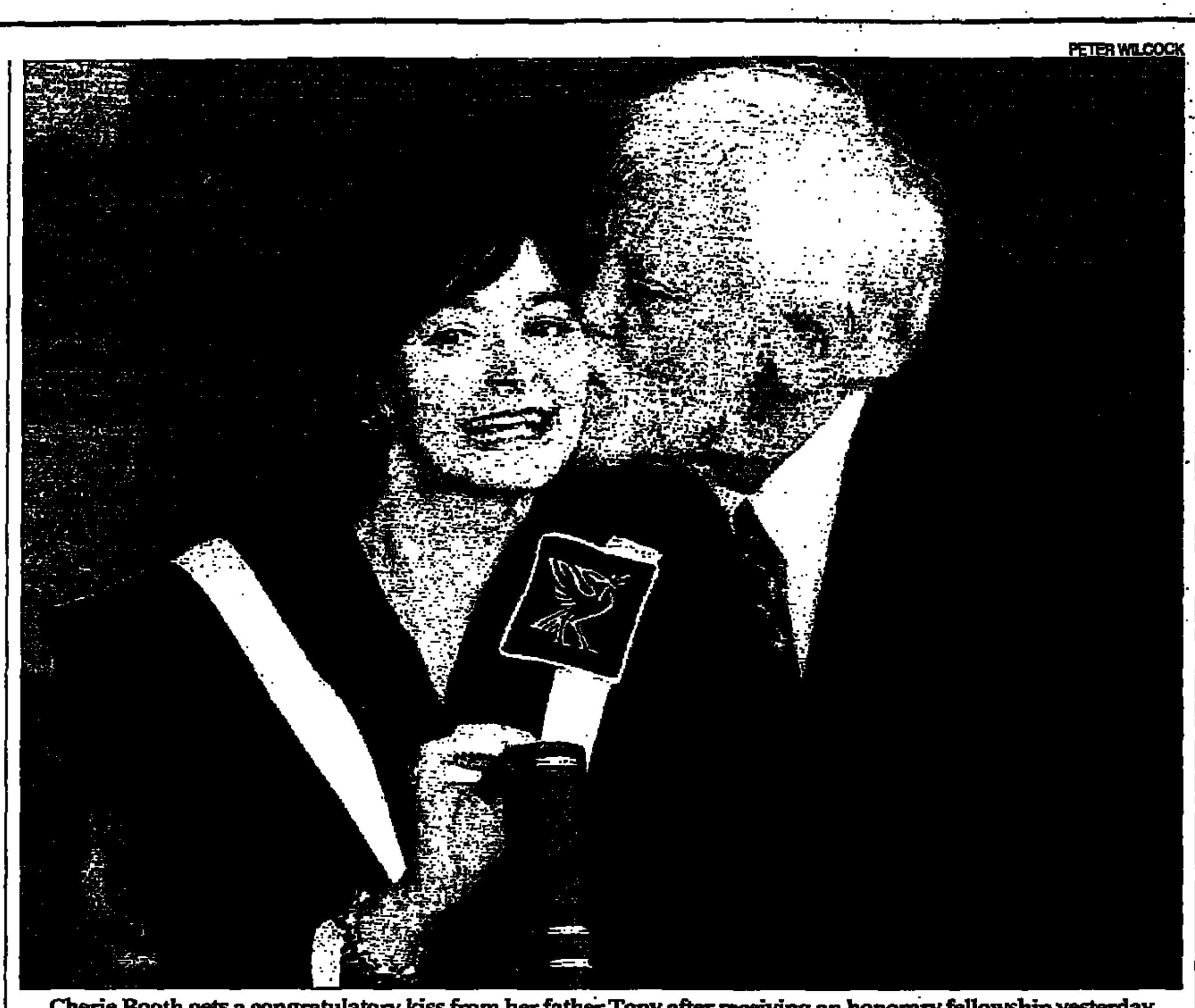
THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
July 15: Princess Alexandra this afternoon opened the new St *Luke's Nursing Wing* at St Katharine's House, Ormond Road, Wantage, and was received by Mr Charles Parker (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Oxfordshire).

College of Estate Management

Sir Idris Pearce, CBE, TD, DL, presented Diplomas in Arbitration and Facilities Management to students of the College at a ceremony in London yesterday. Mr John Parry, Chairman of the College, presided and Mr Peter Goodacre, Principal, gave an address.

The Chairman of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and the Chairman of the British Institute of Facilities Management were among the guests.

PETER WILCOCK



Cherie Booth gets a congratulatory kiss from her father Tony after receiving an honorary fellowship yesterday *from the John Moores University in her home city of Liverpool*

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will hold an investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00; and, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will then lunch with the Canadian High Commissioner and Mrs MacLaren at Macdonald House, Grosvenor Square, 1.00.

The Duke of Edinburgh will open a new computer suite at Bexley College, Belvedere, Kent, at 10.30; and as President, will attend a reception for the National Playing Fields Association's Schools Sports Award winners at St James's Palace at 3.00.

The Prince of Wales will host a reception for primary school head teachers at Highgrove House at 5.00.

The Princess Royal, as Patron - SENSE - The National DeafBlind and Rubella Association, will visit Group Homes, 71 and 79 Coriander Close, Northfield, Birmingham at 11.00; as President, Save the Children Fund, will visit Wood End Family Project, 24b Bretford Road, Wood End, Coventry, at 2.05; and will open the *new* offices of Central Television Studios, Gas Street, Birmingham, at noon.

Princess Margaret will attend a garden party to mark the 150th anniversary of the Royal Society for the Relief of Indigent Gentlewomen of Scotland, at the Palace of Holyroodhouse at 3.30.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as Deputy President, will visit the *East of England Agricultural* Society Show, Peterborough at 11.00.

The Duke of Kent will take the salute at the Royal Tournament, Earls Court at 7.15.

Princess Alexandra, as President *of the British School at Rome,* will attend a private view of the paintings of Sir Thomas Monnington at the Fine Art Society, New Bond Street, London W1, at 6.30.

Dinners

British Museum
Princess Margaret, Honorary President of the British Museum Development Trust, attended the Annual Dinner for Patrons of the Museum held last night to mark the opening of the Weston Gallery of Roman Britain. Mr Chris *Smith, Secretary of State for Culture,* Media and Sport, Mr Graham Greene, Chairman of the British Museum Trustees and Sir Claus Moser, FBA, Chairman of the Development Trust, were the speakers.

Royal Society of Medicine
Sir Christopher Paine, President of the Royal Society of Medicine, yesterday, at 1 Wimpole Street, presented Diplomas of Honorary Fellowship to Lady Justice Butler-Sloss, Sir Kenneth Calman, Mr M.A.R. Freeman, Professor I. Isherwood and Professor L. Symon the the society's gold medal to *Professor Sir Richard Doll.* Afterwards, Sir Christopher, accompanied by Lady Paine, presided at a reception and dinner for the recipients. Among those present were:
Lord and Lady Soulsby of Swaffham Prior, Lord McColl of Dulwich, Sir *Gordon and Lady Wolstenholme,* Sir Gordon and Lady Robson, Sir Christopher Booth, Sir David and Lady Innes Williams, Sir George and Lady Pinker, Sir Donald and Lady Harrison, Dame Deirdre Hine and Sir John and Lady Dellow.

Foundation for Science and Technology
Lord Jenkin of Roding, Chairman of the Council of the Foundation for Science and Technology, presided at a lecture and dinner discussion held last night at the Royal Society. Mr Nigel Crouch, Professor Frank Blackler, Mr Graham Smart and Dr Andrew Rickman were the speakers.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Joseph Wilton, *sculptor,* London, 1722; Sir Joshua Reynolds, 1st President of the Royal Academy 1768-92, Plympton, Devon, *1723; Giuseppe Piazzi,* astronomer, Valtellina, 1746; Jean Baptiste Corot, painter, Paris, 1796; Mary Baker Eddy, founder of the Church of Christ Scientist, Bow, New Hampshire, 1821; Otto Jespersen, authority on English grammar, Randers, Denmark, 1860; the Rev James Owen Hannay (George Birmingham), novelist, Belfast, 1865; Roald Amundsen, *Polar explorer, Oslo, 1872; Trygve* Lie, 1st Secretary-General of the UN 1946-52, Oslo, 1896.

DEATHS: *Anne Askewe,* Protestant martyr, burnt at the stake, Lonon, 1546; Anne of Cleves, 4th wife of King Henry VIII, London, 1557; Elijah Fenton, poet, East Hampstead, Berkshire, 1730; Thomas Yalden, poet, London, 1736; Josiah Spode, potter, Penkhull, Staffordshire, 1827; Edmond de Goncourt, writer, *Champrosay, France, 1896; Hilaire* Belloc, writer, Guildford, 1953; Herbert von Karajan, conductor, near Salzburg, 1989.

Reinforced concrete was patented by Joseph Monier of Paris, 1867.

Nicholas II, Tsar of Russia, and his family were murdered by the Bolsheviks at Ekaterinburg, 1918.

The first atomic bomb was exploded at Los Alamos, New Mexico, 1945.

The Mont Blanc road tunnel opened, 1965.

Retirement

Judge Lever, QC, retired on Monday from the Circuit Bench on the Northern Circuit.

Reception

Ms Cherie Booth, QC
Ms Cherie Booth, QC, was the host at a reception held yesterday at 10 Downing Street in honour of the Carers National Association.

Luncheon

Glovers' Company
Baroness Thatcher, LG, OM, FRS, accompanied by Sir Denis Thatcher, was the principal guest *at a luncheon of the Glovers'* Company held yesterday at Grocers' Hall. Mr Michael Down, Master, presided and presented *Lady Thatcher and Sir Denis* with suites of gloves.

The Hawthornden Prize

The Hawthornden Prize for Literature for 1997 has been awarded to Mr John Lanchester for his novel *The Debt to Pleasure.* The prize was presented to him yesterday by Mr Craig Brown at a reception at the National Portrait Gallery. The chairman of the judges was Mr Derwent May.

Service luncheons

British Naval Equipment Association
Viscount Younger of Leckie, KT, President of the British Naval Equipment Association, Captain J.A.B. Thomas, RN, chairman, members of the association and representatives from the naval industry were the hosts at a luncheon held yesterday on board *RS Hispaniola* for overseas defence and naval advisers and attachés stationed in London.

RASC and RCT
The Committee and Members of the Royal Army Service Corps and the Royal Corps of Transport Officers Luncheon Club entertained Major John Tatham at luncheon yesterday at Mark Masons Hall, St James's. Brigadier D.N. Locke, chairman, presided.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.E. Greenwood and the Hon Gillian Douglas-Pennant
The engagement is announced between Robin, only son of Mrs Pamela Greenwood, of South Cadbury, Somerset, and the late Mr Peter Greenwood, and Gillian, elder daughter of Lord and Lady Penrhyn, of *Littleton, Hampshire.*

Mr J.D.T. Beckett and Miss C.M. Lockwood
The *engagement* is announced between James, younger son of the late Mr and Mrs Richard Beckett, of Dunsfold, Surrey, and Camilla, daughter of *Mr John Lockwood,* of London SW1, and Mrs Hilary Lockwood, of South Holme, North Yorkshire.

Mr D.J. Cockshott and Miss G.A. Ellis
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs Douglas Cockshott, of Broadstairs, Kent, and Gillian, twin daughter of the late Mr *Richard Ellis and of Mrs* Ellis, of Brecon, Powys.

Mr R.W.L. Cunningham and Miss F.A. Mackenzie
The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Major and Mrs W.E. Cunningham, of Swythamley, Cheshire, and Fiona, eldest daughter of the late Mr J.S. Mackenzie, OBE, and of Mrs Y.E. Mackenzie, of Elsrickle, Lanarkshire.

Dr A.C. Gray and Miss J.M. Moore
The engagement is announced between Adrian, younger son of the late Mr Harry Gray and of Mrs Gray, of Plymouth, and Jennifer, daughter of Mr and Mrs Oliver Moore, of Dartford, Kent.

Mr R.J. Wilkinson and Miss K.A. Pye
The *engagement* is announced between Robert, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Wilkinson, of Farnham, Surrey, and Katharine, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek Pye, of Blackheath, Surrey.

Mr C.J. Kenmore and Miss H.M. MacNaught
The engagement is announced between Christopher, elder son of Mr Stephen Kenmore, of London, and Mrs Anny Kenmore, of Verbier, *Switzerland,* and Hazel, only daughter of Mr and Mrs William MacNaught, of Bearsden, Glasgow.

Lieutenant J.D. Orme-Smith and Miss K.A.M. Jones
The engagement is announced between Lieutenant *James* Orme-Smith, Irish Guards, younger son of Mr David and Dr *Ann* Orme-Smith, of Tadworth, Surrey, and Kimberley, youngest daughter of Brigadier and Mrs Michael Jones.

Mr E.T. Scott and Miss J. Robinson
The engagement is announced between Edward Thomas, eldest son of Mrs A.M. Scott and the late Canon E.G.S. Scott, of Ripon, North Yorkshire, and Jacqueline, *younger* daughter of Mr and Mrs Neil Robinson, of Melrose, Roxburghshire.

Marriage

Mr H.A.T. Gell and Mejuffrouw A.A. Bargpeter
The marriage took place on Saturday, July 12, at the Church of St John the Baptist, Stowe-by-Chartley, of Mr Hugo Gell, son of Major Anthony Gell, of Enville, Worcestershire, and Mrs David Johnson, of Chartley, Staffordshire, *to Mejuffrouw* Alida Bargpeter, daughter of De Heer and Mevrouw Christiaan Bargpeter, of The Hague, Holland. The Rev John Sterling officiated, assisted by the Rev Andrew Collins.

The bride was given away by her father. Mr Adrian Gell was best man.

A reception was held at Chartley *Hall and the honeymoon* is being spent abroad.

Earl Cadogan

A memorial service for Earl Cadogan, MC, DL, will be held at noon on Tuesday, October 7, 1997, at St Luke's Church, Chelsea, SW3.

St Bees School, Cumbria

The Governors of St Bees School, announce the appointment of Mrs Janet D. Pickering, BSc, to succeed Mr Paul A. Chamberlain as Head of the School. Mrs Pickering, who is currently the Deputy Head at *The King's School Canterbury* and is married with two teenage sons, will take up her appointment on January 1, 1998.

Mercers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Mercers' Company for the ensuing year: --
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Birthdays today

The Earl of Albemarle, 32; the Ven George Austin, Archdeacon of York, 66; Mr Alan Campbell-Johnson, writer, 84; Mrs Margaret Court, tennis player, 55; Mr Alan Donnelly, MEP, 40; Mr Frank Field, MP, 55; Professor Sir Hugh Ford, FRS, mechanical engineer, *84; Sir John Freeland, QC,* former legal adviser, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, 70; Mr W.B. Howard, former deputy chairman, Marks and Spencer, 71; Miss Shirley Hughes, author and illustrator, 70; Baroness Llewelyn-Davies of Hastoe, 82; the Ven Dr Harold Lockley, former Archdeacon of Loughborough, 81; Mr Thomas Megahy, MEP, 68; Mr *Edward Miller, FBA,* former Master, Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, 82; Lord Prentice, 74; Professor Sir Philip Randle, FRS, biochemist, 71; General Bernard Rogers, former Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, 76; Mr T.G. Rosenthal, publisher, 62; Mr J.J. Warr, former president, MCC, 70; Miss Diana Warwick, chief executive, Committee of Vice-Chancellors and *Principals,* 52; *Lord* Westbury, 75; Sir George Young, MP, 56; Mr Pinchas Zukerman, violinist, 49.

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BIRTHS

BERRYMAN - On July 9th 1997 to Kate (née Barnes) and Jonathan, a daughter Anna Katherine, a sister *for* Harry.

COHEN - On July 12th at The Portland Hospital to Basia (née Kolanowska) and Craig, a daughter, Gabrielle Barbara.

COOPER - To Andrew and Ann on 23rd June in Cardiff, a daughter, Bethan Sarah Rossington. A sister for Michael.

EDWARDS - On July 6th 1997, to Christine (née Burton) and Gerald, a son, Jack Fitzgerald.

EVANS *- On July 7th at The* Hospital of St John and St Elizabeth, to Joanne (née Aylmer) and Bernie a beautiful daughter, a sister *for Georgia.*

EVANS - On July 11th to Georgina (née Chapman) and Jeremy, a son, Alexander James Holt, a brother for Benedict.

GASELEE - On July 11th 1997 to Sophie (née Leschallas) and James, a daughter, (Olivia Rose).

HEWLETT - On 12th July 1997, to Jemma (née Titheridge) and Jonathan, a daughter, Emilia Jane, a sister for Archie.

IBRAHIM Sambo 12th July at The Portland Hospital to Edwina (née Rennie) and MT Ibrahim, a daughter, Aisha and sons Faisal and Jamal.

LYLES - On 8th July 1997 at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, to Amanda and Jonathan, a daughter, Rebecca Jane.

MARSHALL - On 8th July 1997, to Charlotte (née Millar) and Fraser, a son, Charles Joseph.

MATZLER - On July 3rd to *Hilary (née Thompson)* and David, a son, Michael Lionel, a brother for Robert and Beatrice.

PIERCY - On July 4th to Patrick and Penelope, a daughter Helen Olivia.

RALPH - on June 30th at home, to Bryony (née Reid) and *Jeffrey,* a son, Alexander Robert, a brother for Alisa and Emily.

RIDLEY-SCHNEIDER - On July 12th, in *Los Angeles* to Jane and John, a son *Stanlan* Jay.

SCOTT - On July 13th 1997, at The Portland Hospital to Samantha (née Hinckley) and Alexander, a daughter Honor Rosemary.

SHEIKH MOHAMMED - Azhar on July 9th at The Portland Hospital to Shahnaz and S. Mohasanulla, a son and brother for Farheen.

BIRTHS

SHINYA - On July 12th at The Hospital of St John and St Elizabeth, to Shoko and Yoshiki, a beautiful daughter, Natsume.

STRATTON - On July 14th at the Portland Hospital to Lisa (née Nelson) and Richard, a daughter, Tatiana.

TORRINGTON - On July 10th 1997, to Frances (née Partridge) and Paul, a son, Dominic John.

VAN GRUTTEN - On 11th July to Fiona (née Birkett) and Philip, a beautiful daughter, Olivia Rose, a sister for Charles.

WALLUTT - On July 11th at the Portland Hospital, to Elizabeth and Eli, a son William, and a daughter Alexandra.

WEIR - Rachel, Andrew and Jemima are delighted to announce the birth of *Benjamin Andrew* on Wednesday 9th July 1997.

WILLIAMS - On July 11th at The Portland Hospital to Samantha (*née Frampton*) and Richard, a beautiful daughter, Alexandra Inez.

WYNNE - On 4th July 1997 to Derek and Carole (née Wardale) at Kingston Hospital, a son, Barnaby Jack.

DEATHS

AHERNE-HERON - Violet. Much loved wife of John and mother of Tricia on July 13th aged 83. Service at Mortlake Crematorium at 10.30am, Friday morning July 18th.

ALEY - Major Norman (Joe) KEME died 13th July 1997 after a short illness aged 77 years. *Funeral Friday 18th* July 1997 1pm at Hendon Crematorium. No flowers, but donations if desired to The Army Benevolent Fund via Kenyons *Funeral* Directors. Tel: 0181 445 1651.

CARTWRIGHT - Lucette. Sculptor. Peacefully at home on 12th July.

DAVIES - John Alun Emlyn died peacefully at home on 12th July 1997 aged 88. Much loved husband of the late Elizabeth and father of Robert, Richard and Mark.

DROWER - On 14th July in West Calder, Constance, wife of Bill and mother of Sarah. Funeral private. Any donations please to Talking Books (TNA UK).

DEATHS

GALE - Dora née Ware, wife of the late Ivan Gale, on 8th July 1997 at Queen Mary's Lodge Nursing Home, St Leonards-on-Sea, Funeral Service at Beckenham Crematorium on Friday 25th July at 12 noon. No flowers please but donations to an Animal Charity of choice.

GAULT - Lady Margaret Ella. Peacefully at Dunedin Hospital, Reading, on 12th July aged 90. Much loved and sadly missed by her neice and great neices, family and friends. Funeral Service on Monday 21st July 2pm at The Church of St Mary and St John, Newtown, followed by interment in Scotland. Family flowers only, donations if desired to The Church of St Mary and St John c/o J.H. Kenyon, 83 *Westbourne Grove,* London W2 4UL.

HARDINGE - On 14th July, George 3rd Baron Hardinge of Penshurst at the *Conquest Hospital, Hastings* after a short illness. Husband of Margaret, father of Julian, Hugh, Dane, Edward and Charles. Cremation at Eastbourne on Wednesday 23rd July at 2.30pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to St. Michael's Hospice c/o Mummery F/D 31 Devonshire Road, Bexhill-on-Sea. Tel: 01424 730418.

HAWKINS - Phyl. On July 11th 1997 suddenly at home in Great Missenden. Widow of Bill, beloved and loving Mother of David (deceased) and Sally, Mother-in-law of Jerry and adored "Gurgle" to James, William, Harry and Alice. Funeral service at Amersham Crematorium on Friday July 18th at 2:30pm. All enquiries please to Chiltern Funerals, Tel: 01753 892900

HUGHES - *Peacefully* on July 14th 1997 at Bronglais Hospital, Aberystwyth. Roy of Swanston, Penglais Road, Aberystwyth. Loving husband of Mabel, father of Bethan and Alwyn, father-in-law of Linda and devoted grandpa of Helen and Gareth. Funeral Service at Aberystwyth Crematorium on Friday July 18th at 12 noon. Family flowers only. *Donations in lieu for Cancer* Research may be given to W.H. Daniel & Son, Funeral Directors Mill Street, Aberystwyth.

LAVINGTON *EVANS* - On July 14th, Barbara, aged 93. Much loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Memorial Service at Halse Church at 3pm, Saturday July 19th. *Flowers to church* or Funeral Director, Anthony James, 30 Lion d'Angers, Ford Road, Wiveliscombe, Somerset.

LITTHAUER - Ernst Karl OBE, died July 10th 1997 in his sleep aged 81, after a long illness bravely borne. Will be sadly missed by his family and his many friends. Funeral to take place on Wednesday, July 23rd at Lodge Hill Crematorium, Birmingham at 2.30pm. No flowers please. Donations to St Mary's Hospice, 176 Raddlebarn Road, Selly Park, Birmingham B29 7DA.

MANN - *Alastair. Died* peacefully on July 13th 1997 at Wheatfield. Much loved husband and friend of Disney and father of Rodney and Michael. Funeral private.

MARTIN - Dorothy Elizabeth, formerly of West Bromwich died 13th July at Preston House, Cirencester aged 83 years. Much loved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and cousin. Funeral service arranged for Thursday 17th July for 1.30pm at Cheltenham Crematorium. Family flowers only, however donations may be given to the Osteoporosis society c/o *Cowley, Funeral Directors,* Triangle House, 62 Victoria Road, Cirencester, Glos GL7 1ES. Tel: 01285 653298.

MOLESWORTH - On July 10th, in her 96th year, Caryl Margaret, widow of H.W.L. Molesworth F.R.C.S. Much loved mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. Funeral 24th July 12 noon at The Town Church, St Peter Port. No flowers by request. Donations, if wished, to Guernsey R.N.L.I. c/o Martels F.S. *Brock Road, St Sampson.*

MORRIS - John Walter, formerly of Abergavenny, died peacefully in the Royal *Shrewsbury Hospital on July* 14th 1997, aged 85 years. Husband of Nesta, father of John and Stuart. Cremation at Shrewsbury Crematorium *on Wednesday July 23rd at* 11.20am. Flowers and enquiries please to W R R Pugh and Son, tel Shrewsbury (01743) 344646.

MOURZINOS - Captain Michael, suddenly, but peacefully, on Sunday 13th July, beloved husband of Patsy and father of Michelle and Angelos, passed away in Greece. He will be sadly missed by his family and all his friends. The Funeral service took place in Athens, Greece on 15th July 1997. Donations if desired to Help Hammer Cancer, The Hammersmith Cancer Centre, Hammersmith Hospital, Du Cane Road, London W12 0NN. Tel: 0181 743 9655. Campaign Officer: Mrs Rebecca Zouvani.

MUCKLE - On 12th July 1997, Mary Alice Patricia aged 93 years. Peacefully at the Freeman Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne after a short illness. Beloved wife of the late Dr. Thomas Aubrey Muckle and much loved by her children James, Terence and Eileen and her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Requiem Mass at St. Charles Church, Gosforth at 10am on Friday 18th July followed by *private cremation. Flowers* may be sent to J. Bardgett & Sons, Westgate Road, Newcastle.

ORME - Joan Cunliffe, widow of Frank Leslie, much loved stepmother of Peter and Charles, peacefully at the West Suffolk Hospital on July 13th aged 88. Cremation 3.45pm at The West Suffolk Crematorium, Bury St Edmunds on Friday 18th July. Family flowers. *Donations if desired* to West Suffolk Hospital - Equipment for Ward F3 - c/o L. Fulcher Funeral Directors, 80 Whiting Street, Bury St Edmunds, *Suffolk,* IP33 1NX. (01284) 784049.

OWEN - Robin (CR Owen) died suddenly on Friday 11th July *1997 aged 60* years after a long and painful illness. Designer, Artist and bon viveur, his talents were appreciated by us all. Son of Mollie and the late Lewis Owen, he will be very sadly missed, particularly by his daughters Tracey and Alison, their mother Sarah and by Mel who cared for him so well. Funeral and Cremation Service at Oakley Wood (Leamington) 12.30pm on Monday 21st July. Lots of flowers to his home in Harbury by 10.00am or to W G Rathbone, 30 Clarendon Avenue Leamington Spa, CV32 4AP by 9.00am. Donations if wished to the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

PRESTON - Tony William on 12th July 1997 *at* home aged 67. Funeral 11am 17th July, Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead. Enquiries W.A. Truelove 0181 642 8211.

RALPH - Capt. Henry Rickman Ralph (Rick) passed peacefully away on July 10th at *Frankstone Hospital,* Mount Eliza, *Australia.*

RAMSAY - Henry Thomas CBE of 390 Felicity Street, Bay St *Louis Mississippi,* USA and formerly of Well Farm, Castle Cary, Somerset on 11th July 1997 aged 89 years. Much loved and missed by all his family.

REID OF ROBERTLAND - Peacefully at Crosshouse Hospital, Kilmarnock on Tuesday 15th July 1997 Diana Rosamond Angell. Much beloved wife of the late David Reid of Robertland, treasured mother of Jonet, Jacobina and Susanna. Dearly loved grandmother of Diana, Louisa, Kali, Eliza and Candida. Service at Fenwick Parish Church on Friday 18th July at 10.30am. Funeral thereafter to Fenwick Cemetery at 11.15am. All friends respectfully invited. All enquiries to Thomas *McKellar & Sons. Tel: 01560* 485366.

ROUND - On July 14th 1997, John at his home in Chilham, Canterbury after a short illness. Beloved husband and friend of Pauline and much loved father of Aly and Chris. *The celebration* and Thanksgiving Service takes place at St Mary's Church, Chilham on Tuesday July 22nd 1997 at 11.30am followed by committal at Charing Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Chilham Surgery Equipment Fund with enquiries to C.W. Lyons & Son Limited, 70 Military Road, Canterbury. Tel: 01227 463508.

RYMER-JONES - Gertrude Alice (Mollie). Peacefully at home on July 13th 1997 in her 93rd year. Loving wife of the late Brigadier John Murray Rymer-Jones, dearly loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Private family cremation. Thanksgiving Service to be held at the church of St Mary the Virgin, High Halden, Kent on Friday July 18th at 11.30 am. Flowers to T.W. Poggle & Son 20 Ashford Rd, Tenterden, Kent.

SMITH - On July 14th 1997, *Dorothy Helen,* aged 91 years, peacefully at Saxlingham Hall Nursing Home, Norfolk. Wife of Col. H.B.L. Smith M.C.(Retd) of Ellingham. Funeral Service at The Parish Church of St Mary, Ellingham, Norfolk on Monday July 28th at 3pm followed by cremation at the City of Norwich (Earlham) Crematorium at 4.30pm. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired for All Hallows Hospital, Ditchingham may be sent to the Reg Copping & Partners Funeral Service, Chapel Lane, Shotesham, Norwich, NR15 1YP Tel 01508 550250.

SOORD - Irene Glynn (née Williamson), formerly of East Grinstead, Sussex, died on 12th July at Queens Court Nursing Home, Wimbledon, aged 87. Wife of the late Chrystian Soord, and much loved mother of Susan and Celia, and grandmother of William, Harriet and Alice. Cremation on Monday 4th August, 12 noon at North East Surrey Crematorium. All enquiries to Ashtons Funeral Services, 0181 946 1051.

STEWART - On 13th July, at *home in her 86th year,* Madeline widow R.D. Stewart formerly of Rustington and Singapore. Much loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral service in St Michael and All Angels Church, Thursley on 22nd July at 2.00pm. Family flowers only, please. Donations welcome to St Michael and All Angels Church, Thursley, c/o Thorne-Leggett, Whitehill. (01420-488896.)

SUMPTION - Suddenly on July 11th at Musgrove Park *Hospital, Taunton.* Margaret (Peggy), née Powell-Davis, widow of William Arthur Sumption, step-mother of Jonathan and Gideon Sumption and dearly loved sister of Pat. Cremation at Taunton Deane Crematorium on Monday 21st July at 3.00pm. No flowers, donations for St Margaret's Hospice may be sent to E. White & Son Ltd, Funeral Directors, 138/139, East Reach, Taunton TA1 3HN.

SUTTON - Colin. Died peacefully at Clarkson House, Jersey, on Saturday 12th July 1997, beloved husband of Sarah and loving father and grandfather. All enquiries to Pitcher & Le Quesne Limited Funeral Directors. Tel: 01534 33330.

THREAPLETON - Julie Anne aged 32 years, suddenly on July 10th 1997. Darling daughter of Tom and Margaret, very dear sister of Tina and beloved fiancée of Quentin. A Thanksgiving Service will be held on July 30th at 3.30pm, All Saints Church, Grange Road, Eastbourne. No flowers please. Donations if desired to the British Heart Foundation.

WADSWORTH - Jane Wadsworth died peacefully at home on 12th July after a brave struggle against illness. She is greatly missed by a wide community of relations, friends and colleagues in Medical Research. A much loved daughter, mother and grandmother, she leaves Emma and Harry her children, Barbara Arnott her mother and John McEwan her partner for six years of grace and happiness. No flowers please, but donations to cancer research or cancer care charities. Family funeral on 18th July and Valedictory gathering in early autumn.

WILES - Peter John de la Fosse. Died 11th July 1997, *peacefully at home. Beloved* husband of Carolyn Emeritus Professor of Sovietological Studies, London School of Economics 1965-1985, Professor, Brandeis University Massachusetts 1960-1963. Visiting Professor, Columbia University, New York 1958 Fellow, New College Oxford 1948-1960. No flowers please. Gifts to Alzheimer's Society.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

COOKE - Stephen Paul. A Memorial Service is to be held for Stephen Paul Cooke, formerly Chief Executive of Gerrard Vivian Gray Limited, at 12.00 noon on 16th *September 1997* at St. Michael, Cornhill, London EC3 and afterwards at The London Stock Exchange.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

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GIANNI VERSACE

Gianni Versace, Italian fashion designer, was shot dead at his Miami Beach mansion yesterday aged 50. He was born in Reggio Calabria on December 2, 1946.

Perceived as a somewhat glitzy, brash alternative to his great competitor Giorgio Armani, Gianni Versace will be remembered in the Anglo-Saxon world as the creator of "that dress" — the notorious creation which spectacularly failed to conceal the curves of the actress/model Elizabeth Hurley when she accompanied Hugh Grant to the London premiere of *Four Weddings and a Funeral* in 1994. Certainly, he made no secret of his contempt for his more couture-orientated rival. For one thing, it was good for busines to say of the Milanese Armani: "He is north, I am south, there is nothing to discuss."

In Italy, where bourgeois Roman and Milanese girls flee to Calabria and Sicily in the summer with the express purpose of losing their virginity to the swarthy southern men, such opinions acted as a mild form of aphrodisiac. Twelve years younger than Armani, Versace had a reputation as an *enfant terrible* in a fashion-conscious country which was, at the time he began to exhibit, going into overdrive in its belated sexual revolution.

Yet, in truth, as a designer Versace was, like Armani, a man wedded to line and form. Like all the masters of his craft, he started with an instinctive flair for appreciating and then draping the contours of the female body.

At the heart of his craft was an awareness of the innate elegance of the clothes of the southern Italian women, among whom he had grown up. His youth, passed in the hot Calabrian towns of Bagnara, Scilla and Seminara, presented this visually sensitive boy with the constant parade of feminine elegance in the evening *passeggiata* — that time of day when the village beauties parade, arm in arm, in their finery, as admiring young men stand and gaze.

Versace grew up on a diet of severe, pleated skirts, topped with bodices of ravishing colour, spangled with splashes of gold and coloured stones. "In making her bodice, every woman seemed to give vent to some secret joy," he was later to say. And when he came to drape the likes of Madonna, Bianca Jagger, Linda Evangelista and Lisa Marie Presley, he never forgot the principle of cut, no matter what fireworks he might accompany it with. If his clothes sometimes seemed designed merely to fall off, they never did — and that was part of the allure.

His "bad boy" image was reinforced by the verbal liberties he took with the most famous ladies of his times. Of Drew Barrymore: "She's crazy; she's nuts. She should never be overdone — she's already hyper." Of Uma Thurman: "She can only wear Versace, I promise you! She looks dead in other clothing!" Of Wynona Ryder: "She has minimal taste in fashion. She has to let herself come out more." None of which pronouncements, of course, did any harm to the Versace tills.

After leaving school in Reggio Calabria, Gianni Versace worked at first for his mother, who was a dressmaker. Like all the best Italian designers, he learnt the basic virtues of cutting and stitching from her.

In 1972 he decided to move to the Italian fashion capital, Milan, where he worked intially as a designer for companies such as Genny, Complice and Callaghan, creating ready-to-wear collections for them. His own first collection was of leather goods, for Complice, in 1975 and he followed this up in 1978 with the first women's collection signed with his own name. This brought him golden opinions within the intensely competive Milan fashion coterie.

A collaboration with the American photographer Richard Avedon was to prove fortunate. Self-publicity, a thing he was to prove exceedingly good at, began at that point, and when he won the *L'Occhio d'Oro* award for the best fashion designer of the 1982-83 autumn/winter season, he was truly on his way.

But he was careful not to cultivate a purely "bimbo" image. He established intellectual credentials through his creation of costumes for Richard Strauss's ballet *Josephlegende* for La Scala in 1983, and followed this, in the following year, with costume designs for Donizetti's *Don Pasquale* and for the ballet *Dyonisos*, directed by Maurice Bejart. He received an unusual accolade when Bejart created a three-part dance in his honour, on the occasion fo the launch of the fragrance for men "Versace l'Homme".

In the overheated atmosphere of the fashion world, Versace was granted a "major restrospective" of his work in 1986, by the National Field Museum in Chicago, to the astonishment of artists working in other visual fields. A grateful Italy bestowed on him the honour of Commendatore della Repubblica Italiana.

As his clientele became more exotic and his life more international jet-set, with homes in Miami, Como, Milan and New York, and showrooms in Paris, London, Berlin, Versace demonstrated a tendency to become more outrageous about his fellow practitioners in the fashion field. Milan, which had launched him, was suddenly "boring". Italian women, from whom he had learnt his craft and his notions of visual sublimity, looked "like *secretaries*".

While other designers sought to reduce the cost of their fashion shops, he paid out fees which sent the cost of hiring supermodels soaring. He loved to hang out with rock and movie stars, to many of whom his Milan apartment was a second home. He was a friend of Elton John, whom he had accompanied on one of his world tours, and was much involved with crusading on behalf of Aids sufferers.

He was close to his sister Donatella, who was his indispensable support. They often went disco dancing together while their brother Santo, who ran the financial side of the Versace affairs, retired to bed early.

In his latter shows, after shock tactics, such as that of the revealing Hurley dress, had outworn their appeal (and been revealed as, in restroepct, somewhar tacky gestures) his style had seemed to return closer to its couture based roots.

He never married.

FELIX BARKER

Felix Barker, theatre and film critic and author, died on July 11 aged 80. He was born on May 7, 1917.

THERE was a brief period in the late 1960s when the populist approach of London's *Evening News*, then still a broadsheet, and the style of Felix Barker, its drama and cinema critic, in addition to being its leading feature writer, seemed to be in complete harmony.

Barker had the ability to enliven any story by taking the reader right to its heart. His particular passion was history and, whether it was discovering the love letters of Eleanor Marx or retracing the steps of William the Conqueror, his very enthusiasm tended to carry the narrative along.

Barker was quintessentially an old Fleet Street hand. He once boasted he knew the location of every public telephone box in central London and would demonstrate his trick of propping the door open with an old penny piece. (He used to do this while he dictated his copy to catch the final edition.) His was the Fleet Street of the old hot metal printing, hard lunchtime drinking, unscrutinised expenses and tall tales of scoops *and journalistic derring-do.*

He had talked his way into a staff job on the *Evening News* at the age of 19, showing the Editor an article about his experiences at school, some amateur rugby coverage (in which one F. Barker occasionally scored the winning try) and displaying an utter determination to be a journalist.

He served his time as a junior reporter on the news desk. But it was as a feature writer that he first made his impact and as a drama critic, from 1958, that he gained the respect of the theatrical profession. He loved the theatre — and the stage, a calling notoriously hostile to critics, seemed prepared to accept him. He himself always argued that a good critic had to "get it right" — by which he meant more than just being in tune with the consensus.

He was proud to serve as president of the Critics' Circle in 1974. He was doubly qualified for such a position, for he had become the film critic of the *Evening News* in 1960 at the age of 43. He was was one of the very few Fleet Street critics to turn in film and theatre reviews in tandem.

Educated at Felsted School in Essex, Richard Felix Raine Barker was the son of a watercolourist and a photographer. When painting failed to provide a *sufficiently profitable* living, his father took to restoring cottages, doing them up very much in the William Morris manner.

His son's first big break came in 1935 when, at the age of 18, he was sent as an English Speaking Union scholar to Choate School in Connecticut. He spent a year there, meeting Americans ranging from Alan Jay Lerner (a classmate) to Thornton Wilder and George Gershwin.

Called up at the age of 22, after three years on the *Evening News*, he had a comparatively easy war in the Gordon Highlanders, where his habit of writing his letters home on an old Corona was soon noticed by Battalion HQ and got him transferred into a cushy billet in the Orderly Room. From there he plotted his escape into joining a concert party known as the Balmorals, who included Ian Carmichael, Bunny Playfair and Stephen Mitchell.

This gave him writing as well as performing experience and later on, as the *Evening News* gradually dumbed down, Barker took to writing books. He produced the first biography of Laurence Olivier and his then wife Vivien Leigh, *The Oliviers* (1953), and also wrote the history of the Coliseum, *The House That Stoll Built* (1956). His magnum opus, however, was an illustrated history of the capital, modestly entitled *London: 2000 Years of a City and its People*. He had worked on it for more than a decade and it stayed in print for 25 years.

The *Evening News* merged with the *Evening Standard* in 1980, and Barker found himself redundant just two years before his retiring date. He threw himself into writing further books, mainly about London, but they risked becoming potboilers. He continued to write for a number of papers, including *The Times*, *The Sunday Telegraph* and the *Evening Standard*. Yet he was happiest in his library at Blackheath, researching his series of works about the capital, the last of which was *Edwardian London* (1995).

He leaves a widow, Anthea, who was an invaluable support in many of his projects, and a son. His daughter, a theatrical publicist, died in 1992.

RON SMYTH

Ron Smyth, racehorse trainer, died on July 4, aged 81. He was born on November 18, 1915.

ALTHOUGH best-known latterly as a shrewd and successful Epsom trainer, Ron Smyth had previously enjoyed a shining career as a National Hunt jockey, and fifty years ago his name was a byword for skill and strength in the saddle. He rode the winner of the Champion Hurdle three times, an achievement matched only twice since, and bettered in the history of the race only by the late Tim Molony's four victories.

Smyth's first success came in 1941 when he partnered Seneca, next, in the following season, he won with Forestation: in both cases Smyth timed his finish to perfection and got the better of the front-running Anarchist.

Then, in 1948, he rode that hero of the racing crowds, National Spirit, who already had a Champion Hurdle to his credit, in the previous year, but with a different jockey aboard.

National Spirit was a spectacular jumper, standing back a long way from his hurdles and sailing over them with unbroken stride. His 1947 triumph had nevertheless seen him, in the end, fully stretched to beat the French challenger, Le Paillon. In 1948 it was a little easier, but the result owed as much to Ron Smyth's judgment as to the horse's own stamina and fortitude.

Smyth sent him into the lead two hurdles out and then had to ride hard to withstand the challenge of DUKW, prevailing eventually by two lengths at the post, a bonus being that all three of Smyth's Champion Hurdlers had been trained by Vic Smyth, his uncle.

Ronald Victor Smyth was born at Ramsbury, Wiltshire, the second son of Herbert Smyth, who was the son of a Lincolnshire steeplejack. Herbert Smyth had also been first a jockey and then a trainer. Herbert's three younger brothers were also trainers.

Smyth was apprenticed to his father and had his first ride on the Flat at the age of 12, and his first winner when he was only 14, on Maryland Point, at Newmarket in 1930.

Increasing weight, however, brought his Flat career to an end, and his first winner over the jumps came on Windy at Wye in October 1933. As well as Champion Hurdles, his career included plenty of other successes including, at Cheltenham, the Gloucestershire Hurdle twice, and a treble at the 1947 Festival meeting. Over fences he several times won on Lord Bicester's great chaser and subsequent Gold Cup winner, Silver Fame. In addition, in 1941-42, he was Champion National Hunt jockey, albeit with a total of only 12 winners, because of a very restricted wartime season which permitted only 18 days' racing.

In 1947, a year before he retired from the saddle, Smyth had taken out a licence to train a mixed string at Epsom, and one of his earliest triumphs was in the Imperial Cup with Master Bidar in 1951. Later he captured this valuable race twice more, with Irish Imp in 1962 and Flash Imp in 1974.

Meanwhile, also over the jumps, he had important successes at Cheltenham — twice winning the Triumph Hurdle, with, in 1961 Blarney Beacon and, in 1971, Boxer. (The latter, the following season was Champion Hurdle runner-up.) He also won the Cotswold Chase, in 1960, with Mazurka.

On the Flat, one of his best horses was HVC, who, as a two-year-old, claimed the distinction of beating the following season's Derby winner, Tulyar. Convamore was another good colt who came nearest to bringing Smyth classic honours when second to Meadow Court in the 1965 Irish Derby: he had previously won the King Edward VII Stakes at Royal Ascot.

One of Smyth's great talents was in placing his horses in handicaps, as well as making no secret of the fact that he often profited substantially with the bookmakers from their successes. A long list of important handicap winners include Prince Khalid Abdulla's Tremblant (Victoria Cup, Bunbury Cup and Cambridgeshire in 1985); Flash Imp (Cesarewitch 1973 and Great Metropolitan 1975); Patient Constable (Stewards' Cup 1966); Grandrew (Jubilee Handicap 1972); Copsale (Magnet Cup 1967) and Panpiper (Free Handicap, 1968). He retired from training in 1991.

Horses apart, Smyth was also a great trainer of apprentices. Geordie Ramshaw and, in particular, Geoff Lewis, who was later partner of Mill Reef in that colt's scintillating progress and who enjoyed a brilliant career as a jockey, were two of them; more than once, Lewis paid handsome tribute to Smyth and the debt he owed him.

In his personal life, Ron Smyth was an immensely likeable man with a dry sense of humour as well as possessing a genial but no-nonsense approach to life and to his immense circle of friends. He did much to keep the image of Epsom as a training centre to the forefront. As a trainer, he was undoubtedly one of the old school with tough and professional standards.

He is survived by his wife, Mary, whom he married in 1940, and by their younger daughter.

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The 7-cwt. Trojan van, made by the manufacturers of the well-known Leyland lorries, costs, complete with a 60 cubic foot body, starter, electric lighting, and adjustable windscreen, £125. The design throughout is unusually clever in its simplicity, and to judge from the outward appearance and the feel of the vehicle on the road, the construction is robust.

The engine is a 10 h.p. four-cylinder unit (2½ x 4¾ in.), working on the two-stroke principle, and therefore has the minimum number of working parts, for there are no valves or actuating mechanism, lubrication is automatic without a pump, and the radiator is in the customary place. Under the bonnet are the petrol tank and carburettor. No adjustment for fuel is required, as the driver has a control lever under the steering wheel which regulates the amount of petrol and air, and when necessary lets air only into the engine.

There are many ingenious points on the Trojan. For example, the electrical ignition and the petrol supplies are governed together and the movement of one small lever on the instrument board shuts off the current and the fuel. Again, the lever of the mechanical starter automatically works the spark control so that when it is pulled back out of its catch in order to turn the crankshaft, the spark is retarded. The crankshaft carries a flywheel to which a series of springs are attached, so that the initial torque may be smoothly taken up. Further towards the offside is the epicyclic gear-case, on the outside of which are three bands — one for reverse, one for low, and the third for high gear. All three are easily adjusted for wear. Finally, close to the offside of the frame is a reduction gear, which is enclosed, and a double roller chain which drives the dead rear axle. The simplicity of the construction is a great asset . . . There are two brakes, and, in addition, reverse, which requires but the straight pull-back of the speed lever, can be used as a powerful brake . . . The steering is by pinion and internally toothed ring, the gear being enclosed. Solid tyres and disc wheels are supplied, but pneumatics can be had if desired . . .

The performance of the van on the road was most satisfactory. Naturally it has limitations: for example, the highest speed on the level is about 30 miles an hour, and, again, no two-stroke engine is good at idling, and for an appreciable stop it is best to switch off fuel and current. Against these drawbacks must be set great flexibility and a surprisingly good flow of power when the crankshaft is turning at low speed . . .

The drive is taken up smoothly at all times, and the cooling water did not boil or get unduly hot during the run. The action of the steering, as is to be expected with the type of gear fitted, is somewhat reversible, but in normal running it is light and steady enough. The diameter of the turning circle is about 15 yards. The suspension must be tried to be appreciated: all I need say is that, when sitting in the van, one could not readily have told that pneumatics were not fitted. Even over an unusually rough surface there was hardly any pitch and toss, wheel bouncing, or swaying.

BBC governors, please stand up for our rights

BRENDA MADDOX

The other night I heard something I never expected to hear — Michael Grade being boring. Such a showman, but he was so overwhelmed by his farewell salute from the Royal Television Society that he fell into interminably recounting the joys and sorrows of his career, and people were tiptoeing out at the back by the time he went on the attack.

Then he was on form. Is anyone happy working for the BBC, he asked. He prayed that his successor at Channel 4, Michael Jackson, would forget all the "management tosh" learnt at the BBC. He was appalled at what the administration is doing to the BBC. And what can you expect from the governors — worthies appointed in conditions of secrecy that owe more "to masonic ceremony than to democracy".

On July 24 the BBC governors will have another chance to show what they are made of. Will they dare call a halt to the radical changes proposed for Radio 4? Or will they fall for the management blarney about fossilisation, museum pieces, need to refurbish, new digital age ahead, etc, etc?

The governors should protest — yes, even resign — if they cannot achieve a reprieve, not for any particular programme, but rather for what looks like the wholesale disregard for the sensibilities of the audience. To take away one old favourite from listeners is to inflict pain; to snatch away as many as 20 is to inflict a trauma, an assault on habits and expectations that leaves people shocked, grieving, destabilised. As a frequent participant in *Start the Week*, one of the threatened programmes, I am often astonished at how many people do start their week with it: they read the books, they argue over the ideas and remember points they feel were mishandled or could have been made.

There is a great mass of Middle England that structures its day by Radio 4. Why should they, the BBC's staunchest defenders, lose so many landmarks at once? Because the audience figures drop in the long intervals between the news? Ridiculous. The main reason why audiences sag after *Today* is that by 9am people leave the house or have reached work. No scheduling sleight of hand is going to raise mid-morning and mid-afternoon to drive-time levels.

Something more sinister is afoot. I hope the governors have noticed. It is the BBC top brass's obsession with news. They cannot get enough of it, but viewers and listeners can. The much-vaunted success of Radio 5 Live comes from its sports coverage, not from its news. There is little or no demand for a 24-hour TV news network, for which plans are racing ahead (with the word "digital" usually omitted, thus concealing the fact that few viewers will be able to watch it).

The loud objections to the whole idea raised recently when the BBC organised its consultation exercise on the digital future did not slow down these plans. Rather, they are recorded in the BBC annual report — released last week — as "suggested modifications which those developing the services are taking into account". Even the beleaguered World Service is to be further undermined by a gratuitous adjunct of a 24-hour World Service News, an expensive novelty which can serve only to split the world audience and divert attention from all those fusty *Kaleidoscope*-type features on the older World Service.

An irony of the BBC's current thinking is that its leaders are quite willing to tolerate, even defend, an excess of news such as they provided during the general election. BBC1 *Nine O'Clock News* was extended for an hour while the viewers fled elsewhere. The BBC's answer was bold and proud: audience size is not important; public duty is what matters.

The same proud defence, however, was not available to the worthy flops in BBC drama, *Nostromo* and *Rhodes*. John Birt, the Director-General, has apologised for their disappointing failure. He said that the BBC must try for "greater consistency" in future.

What ever happened to the "right to fail"? That is what the BBC is there for — to take risks. In book publishing, in theatre and in cinema, it is axiomatic that most efforts fail but that the successes cover the failures. There simply is no reason to apologise for *Rhodes* and not for the election over-coverage.

The BBC governors should show that they can do more than rubberstamp what the managers put before them. In objecting to the shock about to be delivered to "the home of quality, intelligent speech radio" (BBC annual report again), they do not need to doubt the promise of the controller, James Boyle, that he is not "dumbing down" Radio 4. But they must consider the chance that he may be wrong.

Risks to a programme are not as dangerous as risks to the spirit of a network. This BBC management has once before disregarded cries of pain and grief among listeners when it dispensed with a raft of disc jockeys from Radio 1.

What was achieved? Radio 1 needed to bring in Chris Evans to stop the slide in audience figures. The cure proved worse than the disease and now, with Evans gone, Radio 1 is in trouble and bad news is said to be on the way with the next quarterly audience figures.

Radio 1 had lots of commercial competitors. Radio 4 has none. It is unique in the world, in its programmes and in the respect in which it is held by its listeners. They don't deserve the shock therapy that is promised.

The Client's Story

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DAVID McGRATH

Hard sell going soft

Belinda Archer looks at how images of decency can change

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The Advertising Standards Authority, the body charged with monitoring all press and poster advertisements in the UK, is celebrating its 35th anniversary. In that time it has been gauging the sensibilities of the nation, dealing with complaints and ensuring that the industry's self-regulatory code of practice, drawn up in 1961, is fully observed.

This code states that all non-broadcast advertising should neither mislead nor offend and should be "legal, decent, honest and truthful". As the MG advert demonstrates, however, what is judged "decent" has changed quite dramatically since the early Sixties; hence the code has been regularly tweaked to reflect changing social and cultural mores, as well as shifts in consumer desire.

Alcohol is a particularly thorny area where the rules have been tightened. Such a *vintage copyline* as "*Guinness* is good for you" would be thrown out now, on the basis that advertisers of alcoholic drinks can no longer make any health claims for their brands, nor can they suggest sexual fulfilment or enhanced sexual capabilities as a result of imbibing alcohol.

The portrayal of women has also demanded close ASA attention. It used to be established practice for advertisers to use gratuitously curvy females who would be uncontrollably impressed if a man used product X. Similarly, it was deemed acceptable to depict happy housewives whose day was fulfilled by the gift of a vacuum cleaner or ironing board from an indulgent husband.

Now, of course, such ads would be deemed offensive and would trigger a fairly instant ASA ban.

Chris Reed, the external affairs manager at the ASA, comments: "The system of self-regulation revolves around enlightened self-interest. Advertisers know that misleading or offending *people* won't do them any good. Before this system, people didn't believe the ads they read, but having a watchdog acting on their behalf *gives people more* confidence in the ads that they do see."

Certainly, the rules controlling tobacco advertising have been redrawn almost beyond recognition. *The Marlboro* Man, a former advertising icon, with his rugged outdoor looks and bristling good health, would never see the light of day today. Tobacco advertising is the only area that is subject to compulsory pre-vetting.

Health claims have also been dramatically toned down since the days when adverts were allowed to tout their miracle cures and beautifying potions. It was claimed, for example, that Vigor's Horse Action Saddle — a sort of exercise bicycle — "stimulates the liver, reduces corpulence and cures gout". Any claims must now be backed by clinically-controlled trials.

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Views are worlds apart

Tomorrow the future of the BBC World Service will be debated at Westminister Central Hall. Here opposing speakers state their views

BBC REVOLUTION

A YEAR ago the BBC Director-General announced radical plans to restructure the World Service, the standard-setter for quality broadcasting throughout the world. The furore which followed spurred the then Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, into setting up a working group to look into the implications of the proposals.

Last October the group duly reported and agreed 20 measures with the BBC to safeguard the future of the World Service. Today, however, the criticism continues and the BBC annual report for 1996/97 gives a disturbing and very different view of events.

What were the compelling reasons for change? The rationale given was cost and increased efficiency to meet the digital age. But an independent report by PIMS in 1994 found World Service costs to be lower than those of the BBC's domestic services. The working group's concerns were met by a BBC promise to commission a comparative study of costs in November 1996. Has this been published or seen by the Foreign Secretary? The group has not met since October, and I could find nothing about it in the Annual Report.

World Service English news teams have now been moved away from close contact with their foreign language colleagues into the Domestic News and Current Affairs division. There they are responsible to a completely different line management and agenda under Tony Hall, head of news. Staff interchanges are not occurring as planned and there is a danger that the irreplaceable collective memory and experience of journalists will be lost.

An anecdote illustrates the problem. WS recently carried a report purporting to be from an overseas Government spokesman. Experience led the producer, an old Africa hand, to treat it with suspicion and add a rider that it had not been confirmed. Radio 4 journalists, on the other hand, without that sixth sense, picked up the story and rebroadcast it without the rider and were subsequently proved wrong. It is on that subtle instinct and experience that the WS's reputation for quality has been built.

Just as controversial and damaging has been the split between commissioning and production. All the non-news English language production teams have been moved into BBC Broadcast under Ron Neil, who has no experience of international broadcasting. New commissioning editors have been appointed in each area, from drama to education and English language teaching, some with no previous WS experience.

So the ultimate arbiter will be cost, not expertise.

Two illustrations of just how damaging the internal market is proving come from new arrangements under which the pronunciation and information units charge other departments for their services. Producers now think twice about checking every fact and some have been known to visit public libraries rather than ring the BBC's own specialised staff. Others go out and buy CDs because it is cheaper than using the BBC record library. What a waste of time and expertise. Next on the list for revamping is the WS's unique and irreplaceable archive. Our problem is that the only person with the power to call the BBC chiefs to heel is the Foreign Secretary, and we have always been keen to keep the Government out of BBC affairs. But it may be a risk we have to take *if* the World Service is to be preserved as an irreplaceable national asset.

Producers think twice about checking every fact

Is the Foreign Secretary happy that Bob Phillis's first act when he took responsibility for the World Service was to move it into the BBC's commercial arm, BBC Worldwide? What sort of message did this convey to the world? The head of the WS syndication department Anthony Pugh summed up the fears of many when he said: "Our philosophy will change — at World Service it was to reach the maximum audience possible throughout the world and now it will be to make the maximum money possible, and the two are quite different in broadcasting terms."

JOCELYN HAY

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The old World Service was about reaching a maximum audience, not making the maximum amount of money

TOMORROW'S WORLD

A NUMBER of commentators have painted a picture of an organisation in some way irreparably damaged by the restructuring of the BBC. That is not a World Service I recognise. I see a broadcaster in good shape to embrace a challenging but exciting future.

The World Service has a global audience of 143 million. But it faces unprecedented competition — not just from other international radio stations, but from media deregulation, satellite television and new digital technology.

Listeners want news and information available when it suits them. To meet this need, the World Service is investigating a second English channel for news and current affairs. Services in other key languages, such as Arabic, will be strengthened, too. The Arabic Service has responded to fierce competition by extending broadcasts by five hours a day.

On June 30, listeners on the east coast of the United States woke up to a new world news programme. More than 30 FM stations carried the new 50-minute World Update, aimed at early risers among the business, political, government and media communities.

Commissioned by the World Service and made by BBC News, it is the first major programme under the new structure. It has helped to win an audience of 3.5 million in the US, and was made possible only by savings delivered as a result of the BBC's restructuring.

A new short-wave transmitter station in Thailand has improved audibility for many listeners in Asia. The planned replacement of obsolete transmitters in the Gulf will help the World Service remain competitive in a crucial area.

FM is now accounting for a growing slice of radio audiences worldwide. There have been major breakthroughs in gaining FM frequencies in previously inaccessible areas such as the Gulf (in Qatar), the Ivory Coast and in former Zaire, where vital short-wave broadcasts in French and Swahili have been boosted by clear FM reception in Kinshasa and Kisangani. New FM agreements are also being discussed for Kenya and Rwanda. In Hong Kong, coverage of the handover was reinforced by the World Service's Cantonese Internet site. The World Service will also be making on-line news, programme support and marketing information available on the Internet in Arabic, English, Mandarin, Russian and Spanish. Only joint development with the rest of the BBC will ensure that the World Service will be able to compete.

This applies equally to Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB). The World Service is now taking part in a pilot scheme to offer digital services in major European cities. The investments required for these areas need not be beyond the resources of the World Service. The last Government's decision not to cut an additional £5 million from this year's Grant-in-Aid allowed some scope for development. Restructuring will add further savings to the 10 per cent the World Service promised to deliver over three years.

SAM YOUNGER

● *Managing director, World Service*

THE LISTENER

THE NEWS BEHIND THE HEADLINES

Tarzan's back in jungle

Heseltine: low profile

BOARD meetings at Haymarket Publishing look set to take a livelier turn. The magazine group, which owns publications as diverse as *What Car?* and *Horticultural Week*, has appointed **Michael Heseltine** as a non-executive director.

Having a former deputy Prime Minister on the team is always guaranteed to keep everyone on their toes. But in this case there is an added element of fun.

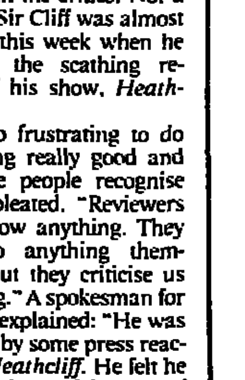
The founder and major shareholder in Haymarket Press is one **Michael Ray Dibdin Heseltine**.

During his years in high office, Hezza was a "sleeping partner" in the company. Now that he has swung back into the publishing jungle, he is insisting that he will still have a back seat role.

At his first board meeting he told his colleagues to carry on as normal and not to mind him. How reassuring. The Listener is sure that it was easy for them to pretend he wasn't there.

Royal diplomacy

AMID all the teeth-gnashing over Radio 4's imminent shake-up, at least one traditional feature seems to have been saved from the chop. The station's controller, Scotsman **James "McBirt" Boyle**, has been mulling over whether to end the practice of playing the *National Anthem* on Prince Philip's birthday. Fellow Scots have reportedly been urging him to have the bottle to do it. Most people, they say, don't mind the anthem being played for the Queen, Queen Mother and Prince Charles, but draw the line at the Duke. Boyle, however, has decided not to upset the applecart. "He has been looking closely at it," said a source "but has decided that it's an area best left well alone."



Boyle: anthem remains

Mail bonding

EMOTIONAL scenes at the *Daily Mail's* annual bash at Hampton Court, where staff traditionally dare each other to get drunk or even loosen their ties. **Lord Rothermere**, who prompted much gossip during the general election campaign by nailing his colours to new Labour's mast, kissed and made up with right-wing editor **Paul Dacre** in a moving speech. Dacre, he eulogised, is the most brilliant editor in Fleet Street and a glittering asset to Associated Newspapers. Partygoers swear they detected the flicker of a smile on the normally dour Dacre's lips.

Cliffhanger

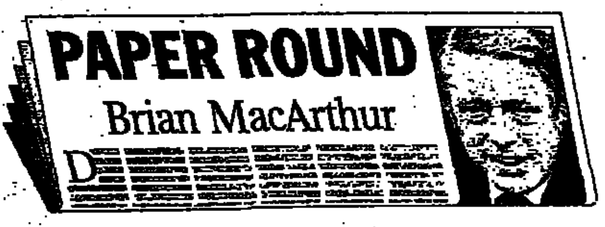
AFTER decades in the role of the Peter Pan of pop, one might think Sir Cliff Richard would be used to a bit of stick from the critics. Not a bit of it. Sir Cliff was almost in tears this week when he attacked the scathing reviews of his show, *Heathcliff*.

"It's so frustrating to do something really good and not have people recognise it", he bleated. "Reviewers don't know anything. They can't do anything themselves, but they criticise us for trying." A spokesman for Sir Cliff explained: "He was irritated by some press reaction to *Heathcliff*. He felt he was not given a fair crack of the whip."

Young at heart

BBC staff, chinned by Director-General **John Birt's** announcement that further job cuts could be imminent, claim ageism is taking hold of the Corporation. They say any staffer over 50 is an endangered species. Insiders say paranoid staff are beginning to lie about their age. At least two middle-ranking executives who are beginning to go grey are known to have invested in a bottle of hair dye.

Taking the wind out of their sales



PAPER ROUND

Brian MacArthur

On the second Friday of every month, national newspaper editors will be found closeted in their offices poring over the monthly report from the Audit Bureau of Circulations. They are searching for the best gloss to put on their sales performances — the most obvious test of their papers' and their own success or failure in Britain's ruthless newspaper market and the most crucial index used by advertisers deciding where to spend their money.

Success can be measured by whether sales are up or down on the previous month, on the same month of the previous year or for the long-term view by comparing year-on-year six monthly averages.

Newspapers whose sales are static or falling will ignore the results or use the year-on-year six monthly averages which often offer a better story. Successful papers broadcast the news prominently: readers as well as advertisers are encouraged to know they are part of a success story.

Month on month in June, as the Blair effect which boosted sales in May wore off, only three papers — the *Sunday Mirror*, the *Daily* Mail and *The Express* — increased sales. Year-on-year, as our table shows, there was better news. The sales of nine papers were up compared with June 1996.

Yet any reader studying the papers last weekend would have been puzzled. At the *Daily Mail*, sales had hit a 30-year high but there was "dismal news" for *The Express*, where sales had allegedly fallen by 17,000. Yet at *The Express*, its success story was going from "strength to strength". There was truth in both papers.

The *Daily Mail* is an undoubted hit — sales have been running at more than 2.2 million in July, the highest in recent history under editor Paul Dacre — but it deliberately used the year-on-year six-monthly averages to do down *The Express*, which is experiencing a modest success for the first time in decades. Editor Richard Addis has held sales at more than 1.2 million throughout the first half of the year and his sales were up both month-on-month (by 890) and year-on-year (by 1,700). So he was entitled to his boast. Yet the most contradictory plugs last weekend were in *The Times* and *The Daily Telegraph* and *The Sunday Times* and *The Sunday Telegraph*. *The Daily Telegraph* said it was going from "strength to strength", even though *The Times* said it was narrowing the sales gap with its fiercest rival.

Sales of *The Sunday Telegraph* were at an "all-time low", said *The Sunday Times* — but *The Sunday Telegraph* claimed that sales had risen by a third over the past year.

The rival claims and counter claims were provoked by the ferocious battle for supremacy between *The Times* and *The Daily Telegraph* — the toughest and most expensive in British journalism, according to *The Independent* this week — in which *The Times* last week scored a significant victory by forcing the *Telegraph* to separate sales at the full cover price of 45p from subscription and voucher sales and copies given away free by hotels or airlines.

The battle was due to be settled in court until the *Telegraph* conceded that subscription sales — it has been offering the daily and Sunday papers for £1 a week — should be separately declared.

The result, published for the first time in ABC's June report last Friday, confirmed that the *Telegraph* group, set in panic by the success of *The Times's* Eurostar promotion last autumn, may have managed — mismanaged would be a better description — the most expensive one-year promotion in newspaper history.

Although hundreds of thousands of readers signed up for the £1 a week offer, outsiders believe that up to 80 per cent were already *Telegraph* readers who seized the opportunity to save £2.50 a week on a paper they were already buying.

Telegraph profits — £60 million in 1993, £16 million in 1995 after the papers entered the price war with *The Times*, slumped to £1 million last year.

Total sales of *The Daily Telegraph* in June, inflated by the success of the subscription scheme, were 1,090,515 — but sales at the full cover price of 45p were only 710,295. Similarly total sales of *The Sunday Telegraph* were 853,956 — but at full price only 429,693 (just 6,000 ahead of *The Observer*).

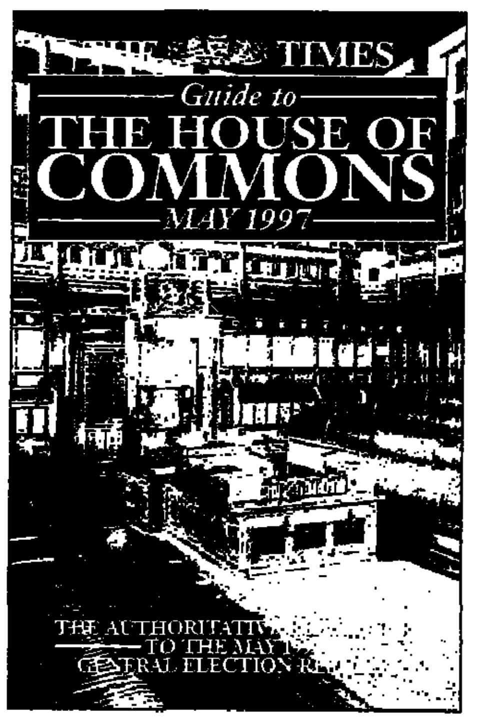
The revelation that more than 300,000 of *The Daily Telegraph's* sales are bought by subscriptions and vouchers is a triumph for *The Times*, which now claims that its sale of 680,494 at the full newsstand price narrows the gap with the *Telegraph* to fewer than 30,000 and pushes it ever closer to achieving its ambition of overtaking its main rival. At full cover price *The Sunday Times* can claim that it outsells all three broadsheet rivals.

Halfway through 1997, other papers that can boast success are *The Guardian*, almost 5 per cent up on a year ago, the *Financial Times*, selling almost 150,000 copies a day overseas, and *The Mail on Sunday*, up 55,000 on a year ago.

HOW THE NEWSPAPERS COMPARE

	June 1997	June 1996	% change	Discounted sales	Bulk Sales	Subscription sales
Dailies						
Sun	3,789,168	-180,978	-4.56	387,820	96	0
Mirror	2,303,406	-105,049	-4.36	52,981	40,286	0
Daily Record	682,236	-38,598	-5.35	40	680	0
Express	1,221,330	1,739	0.14	256,653	57,930	0
Daily Mail	2,161,376	123,337	6.05	167,859	10,129	0
Daily Star	646,938	-20,515	-3.07	823	766	0
Times	735,714	10,875	1.50	9,895	28,822	16,503
Daily Telegraph	1,090,515	36,201	3.43	67,446	36,782	275,992
Guardian	409,584	18,522	4.74	1,803	4,591	0
Independent	255,888	-17,040	-6.24	8,474	22,873	201
Financial Times	326,676	25,787	8.57	4,276	7,695	292
Sundays						
News of The World	4,391,800	-254,007	-5.54	815	269	0
Sunday Mirror	2,224,136	-187,869	-7.79	50,571	43,114	0
People	1,900,484	135,818	-6.67	3,139	72,231	0
Express on Sunday	1,134,246	-68,108	-5.66	251,678	53,584	0
Mail on Sunday	2,100,088	54,929	2.69	37,160	23,101	494
Sunday Times	1,298,369	1,691	0.13	2,291	25,284	21,541
Sunday Telegraph	853,956	170,137	24.86	122,943	28,510	272,810
Observer	443,049	-299	0.07	3,314	15,946	0
Ind on Sunday	272,032	22,891	-7.76	26,978	18,539	192

Source: ABC



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THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS

Versace murdered in cold blood

■ Gianni Versace, the designer who dressed the world's so-called beautiful people with a flamboyant style straddling the boundary of bad taste, was shot dead on the steps of his mansion in Miami yesterday.

A man in his mid-twenties pulled a pistol from a backpack and shot Versace twice as he unlocked the gates to his art deco home on Ocean Drive after having had breakfast in a nearby cafe.................. **Pages 1, 3, 16, 21**

Ministers have stay-at-home holidays

■ Members of the Cabinet are to spend part of their summer holidays in Britain this year in a gesture to the travel industry. After doing their patriotic duty with buckets and spades, the ministers will be allowed to go abroad for what many believe are the summer holidays they really prefer.................. **Page 1**

Curb on 'fat cat' QCs

The Lord Chancellor is planning to curb lawyers' fees, by regulating "fat cat" QCs' earnings from legal aid and inflated fees for private work.................. **Page 2**

Grading for teachers

Teachers will be graded individually from September under a change to school inspection that will place in doubt the future of thousands of staff.................. **Page 2**

Golden moments

Eight thousand survivors of one of life's challenges joined the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh at a garden party at Buckingham Palace yesterday, with no simple formula for staying married for half a century.................. **Page 5**

Mental health alert

Killings and attacks by mentally ill people will continue unless care in the community improves, mental health campaigners said yesterday.................. **Page 6**

Andrews 'deceitful'

Tracie Andrews, who repeatedly denied yesterday that she stabbed her fiancé to death with a penknife, was described in court as a *woman of deceit with a vicious* temper.................. **Page 7**

Caroline case pledge

A Foreign Office minister has promised the parents of Caroline Dickinson her support in pressing the French to discover who killed their daughter.................. **Page 8**

Sex assault claim

A student who accused a philosophy professor of indecently assaulting her made a similar allegation against a man in America three years earlier.................. **Page 9**

Beef export move

Britain promised the European Union yesterday that it would crack down on beef exports in breach of the worldwide ban but also said that it would block imports from the Continent that failed to meet British standards.................. **Page 10**

Election funding

British-based companies, including BP, Glaxo Wellcome and NatWest, gave more money to the last American elections than companies from any other country.................. **Page 12**

Hitler's secretary dies

Hitler's private secretary, who *faithfully stood by him until* shortly before his suicide in a Berlin bunker, has died of cancer at the age of 83.................. **Page 13**

Filthy lucre

Saddam Hussein, the President of Iraq, and Fidel Castro have *been included for the first time in* the recognised list of the world's richest people.................. **Page 14**

Island riches

Manhattan now boasts more kings, queens and princelings per square mile than any other place on Earth.................. **Page 15**

Mir hitches raise joint ventures fears

■ NASA reacted coolly last night to a suggestion that Michael Foale, the British-born American astronaut on board the Russian space station Mir, may have to make a space walk to carry out repairs to the stricken complex in place of the flight commander, who is suffering from an irregular heartbeat.................. **Page 14**

JOHN STILLWELL/PA

The Queen meeting guests at a golden wedding anniversary garden party held at Buckingham Palace yesterday Page 5

BUSINESS

Railtrack: The former part of British Rail is planning to change its company rules to give its chairman wide-ranging powers over board decisions.................. **Page 25**

Drinks: Guinness and Grand Metropolitan, the drinks giants planning a £23 bn merger, are considering a proposal that would give them control of the Hennessy cognac business.................. **Page 25**

Pensions: *The Office of Fair Trad*ing has severely criticised personal and occupational pensions and called for an overhaul of pension provision.................. **Page 25**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index rose 41.9 points to close at 4899.3. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 105.5 to 105.1 after a fall from $1.6883 to $1.6743.................. **Page 28**

SPORT

Golf: *Colin Montgomerie, Europe's* number one player for the past four years, starts the 126th Open Championship with his form as good as it could possibly be **Page 48**

Athletics: Roger Black criticises selectors who left him out of the 400 *metres at the world championships* in Athens mext month.................. **Page 48**

Cricket: Ben Hollioake, who has captured public imagination like no teenage cricketer for a generation, is in England's under-19 party to take on Zimbabwe in two one-day internationals.................. **Page 48**

Cycling: Jan Ullrich became the first German in 20 years to wear the yellow jersey in the Tour de France after a remarkable stage victory in Andorra.................. **Page 45**

ARTS

Master maverick: *The composer* John Adams is bringing a feast of American music to the Proms on Sunday.................. **Page 32**

Prize pop: A quirky shortlist of ten albums for the Mercury Music Prize was announced yesterday. David Sinclair describes life on the judging panel.................. **Page 33**

Rising star: Brian Milligan, at 15, is on the way to being Northern Ire*land's best-known child actor*, with stage and television appearances behind him and a part in Daniel Day-Lewis' new film.................. **Page 33**

Festival fare: "Performance art with a fireside feel" was on show at the South Bank's Meltdown Festival, with poetry, soap opera, and Laurie Anderson's monologue.................. **Page 34**

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Steven Spielberg's dinosaurs are back with a vengeance: Geoff Brown sees *The Lost World*

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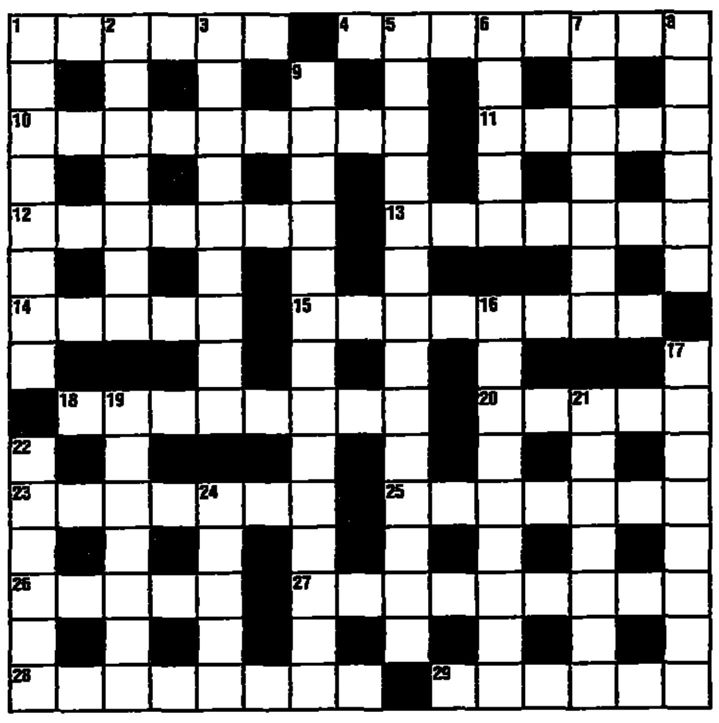

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Full moon July 20

London 9.10 pm to 5.03 am
Bristol 9.20 pm to 5.13 am
Edinburgh 9.47 pm to 4.51 am
Manchester 9.29 pm to 5.02 am
Penzance 9.26 pm to 5.37 am

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** Scotland will start mainly *cloudy and damp with patchy drizzle*. Bright or sunny spells later. England and Wales will start mostly cloudy, but warm, sunny spells likely in afternoon. Northern Ireland will begin dry but rain likely by evening. Tonight: central and northern Scotland mainly dry, rain in other mainland areas. Clear spells in Northern Ireland.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, E England, NE England:** cloudy start with patchy drizzle. Sunny spells later. Wind light, westerly. Max 24C (75F)

☐ **Central S England, E & W Midlands, Central N England:** early mist and drizzle, some sunshine in afternoon. Wind light, westerly. Max 23C (73F).

☐ **Channel Isles, SW England, N & S Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man:** misty and drizzly start, sunnier in afternoon, clouding over in evening. Wind light, westerly. Max 22C (72F)

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** low cloud and drizzle at first, brightening from the west in afternoon. Wind light to moderate, west to northwest. Max 20C (68F).

☐ **SW & NW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll:** misty and drizzly in morning, sunny spells in afternoon. Rain likely in south later. Wind light to moderate, westerly. Max 18C (64F).

☐ **Northern Ireland:** early cloud and drizzle, then sunny spells. Rain likely later. Wind light to moderate, northwesterly. Max 21C (70F).

☐ **Outlook:** rain spreading across England and Wales.

☐ **Pollen forecast:** low in N Scotland; *moderate in Midlands, E Anglia, Central South and SE England*; all other areas low to moderate (supplied by Pollen Research Unit).

AROUND BRITAIN ON MONDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	5.6	0.01	18	64	b	Jersey	10.5	-	21	70	s
Anglesey	6.5	-	17	63	b	Kinloss	8.6	0.15	19	66	s
Aviemore	9.9	0.01	19	66	b	Leeds	9.3	0.01	22	72	b
Belfast	4.8	0.01	19	66	b	Lerwick	3.4	0.03	16	61	b
Birmingham	8.4	0.08	22	72	b	Leuchars	5.3	0.09	20	68	b
Bognor R	12.8	-	21	70	s	Littlehmptn	12.8	-	21	70	s
Bournem'th	7.3	-	21	70	s	London	6.7	-	25	77	b
Bristol	7.2	0.01	20	68	s	Lowestoft	5.8	-	21	70	c
Buxton	8.7	-	19	66	s	Manchester	7.8	0.01	21	70	sh
Cardiff	6.6	0.01	19	66	s	Margate	12.1	-	23	73	b
Cleethorpes	7.7	0.02	19	66	s	Minehead	4.9	0.01	18	64	b
Colwyn Bay	5.5	-	21	70	b	Morecambe	9.4	-	19	66	s
Cromer	8.5	0.02	19	66	s	Newquay	9.8	-	19	66	s
Dunbar	5.0	0.13	19	66	b	Norwich	5.4	-	23	73	b
Eastbourne	10.0	-	21	70	s	Poole	8.2	0.01	23	73	s
Edinburgh	6.5	0.02	21	70	b	Ross-o-wye	7.9	0.01	23	73	b
Eskdalemuir	5.9	0.06	17	63	b	Salcombe	9.7	0.01	19	66	b
Exmouth	4.0	-	21	70	b	Saunton Snd	8.2	-	19	66	s
Falmouth	9.7	-	19	66	s	Scarboro'	8.1	-	18	64	b
Fishguard	5.7	-	17	63	s	Shrewsbury	9.5	0.01	21	70	b
Folkestone	11.1	-	20	68	b	Skegness	9.7	-	19	66	s
Glasgow	5.0	-	19	66	b	Southend	11.8	-	24	75	s
Guernsey	11.4	-	21	70	s	Southport	9.8	-	20	68	s
Hastings	9.1	-	19	66	b	Stornoway	9.7	0.06	16	61	b
Hayling I.	11.0	-	21	70	s	Swanage	9.4	-	21	70	s
Herne Bay	12.0	-	23	73	s	Teignmouth	7.5	0.01	21	70	b
Hove	11.1	-	20	68	b	Tenby	5.3	-	18	64	b
Hunstanton	7.8	0.01	20	68	s	Tiree	13.4	0.04	17	63	s
Isle of Man	8.3	0.01	17	63	s	Torquay	9.6	-	22	72	s
Isle of Wight	11.2	-	19	66	s	Weymouth	6.1	-	19	66	s

ABROAD

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Ajaccio	26	79	X	Corfu	32	90	s	Majorca	31	88	s	Rome	27	81	s
Akrotiri	29	84	s	C'phagn	20	68	s	Malaga	25	77	f	S Fr'isco	18	64	s
Alex'dria	30	86	s	Dublin	18	64	f	Malta	32	90	s	S Paulo	X		
Algiers	27	81	f	Dubrovnik	28	82	s	Melb'rne	11	52	s	Salzburg	24	75	f
Amst'dm	21	70	f	Faro	25	77	f	Mexico C	21	70	f	Santiago	12	54	f
Athens	30	86	f	Florence	30	86	s	Miami	27	81	s	Seoul	29	84	f
B Aires	X			Frankfurt	24	75	f	Milan	29	84	s	Sing'por	31	88	f
Bahrain	37	99	s	Funchal	21	70	c	Montreal	25	77	c	St'kholm	23	73	s
Bangkok	33	91	f	Geneva	19	66	f	Moscow	18	64	c	Strasb'rg	24	75	f
Barbados	27	81	c	Gibraltar	25	77	s	Munich	25	77	f	Sydney	14	57	f
Barcelona	26	79	s	Helsinki	21	70	f	N Delhi	30	86	f	Tangier	23	73	c
Beirut	29	84	f	Hong K	27	81	f	N York	34	93	s	Tel Aviv	31	88	s
Belgrade	25	77	s	Innsbrck	26	79	f	Nairobi	22	72	f	Tenerife	27	81	s
Berlin	24	75	f	Istanbul	19	66	f	Naples	30	86	s	Tokyo	29	84	s
Bermuda	29	84	f	Jeddah	39	102	s	Nice	26	79	f	Toronto	32	90	f
Biarritz	21	70	c	Jo'burg	16	61	s	Oslo	24	75	f	Tunis	35	95	s
Borde'x	27	81	f	L Angels	22	72	s	Paris	25	77	f	Valencia	27	81	f
Brussels	22	72	f	L Palmas	25	77	f	Peking	37	99	s	Vanc'ver	19	66	f
Budapst	25	77	f	Le Toquet	18	64	f	Perth	14	57	s	Venice	26	79	f
Cairo	34	93	s	Lisbon	25	77	s	Prague	23	73	s	Vienna	24	75	s
Cape Tn	27	81	s	Locarno	24	75	f	Reykjavik	14	57	f	Warsaw	20	68	f
Ch'church	8	46	X	Luxembg	24	75	s	Rhodes	28	82	s	Wash'ton	36	97	s
Chicago	32	90	s	Luxor	43	109	s	Rio de J	30	86	f	Wel'ngton	9	48	X
Cologne	24	75	f	Madrid	32	90	s	Riyadh	41	106	s	Zurich	21	70	f

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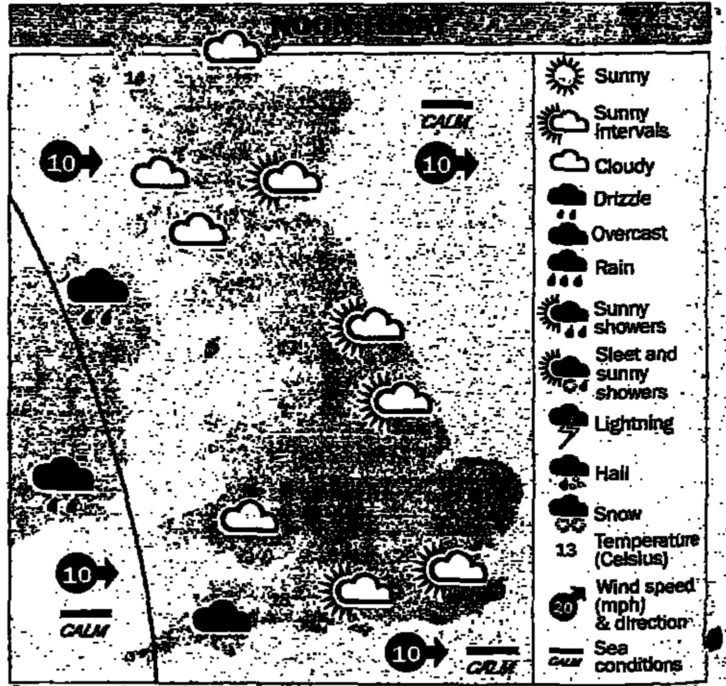

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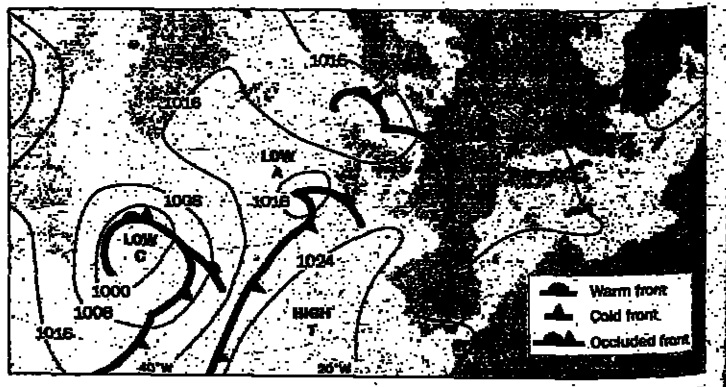

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London Bridge	11.04	6.0	23.32	5.9	Leith	-	-	12.12	4.5
Aberdeen	11.04	3.5	23.37	3.7	Liverpool	08.37	7.7	21.12	8.0
Avonmouth	04.07	10.5	16.48	10.8	Lowestoft	07.09	2.2	19.17	2.2
Belfast	08.21	3.0	20.57	3.0	Margate	09.21	4.0	21.47	4.8
Cardiff	03.53	9.8	16.34	10.1	Milford Haven	03.18	5.4	15.57	5.6
Devonport	02.37	4.6	15.16	4.7	Newquay	02.18	5.5	14.56	5.1
Dover	08.27	5.5	20.52	5.7	Oban	03.12	3.1	16.07	3.2
Dublin (N Wall)	08.16	3.4	21.43	3.5	Penzance	01.48	4.4	14.25	4.5
Falmouth	02.08	4.4	14.46	4.5	Portland	03.37	1.3	16.32	1.5
Greenock	09.45	2.8	22.56	2.9	Portsmouth	08.55	3.8	21.20	4.1
Harwich	09.12	3.4	21.42	3.4	Shoreham	08.31	4.8	21.05	5.2
Holyhead	07.54	4.6	20.29	4.8	Southampton	08.08	3.8	20.39	4.1
Hull (Albert D)	03.37	7.3	16.08	7.3	Swansea	03.24	7.3	16.01	7.6
Ilfracombe	03.00	7.2	15.41	7.4	Tees	01.00	4.4	13.24	4.5
King's Lynn	03.43	5.2	16.05	5.3	Walton-on-N	09.12	3.5	21.42	3.5

All times BST. Heights in metres.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: Highest day temp: Gravesend, Kent, 25C (77F); lowest day max: Fair Isle, Shetland, 14C (57F); highest rainfall: Kinloss, Moray, 0.15in; highest sunshine: Tiree, Inner Hebrides, 13.4hr

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WEDNESDAY JULY 16 1997

Drinks groups consider splitting LVMH in two

Arnault: playing rough

By Dominic Walsh

GUINNESS and Grand Metropolitan, the drinks groups planning a £23 billion merger, are considering a fresh proposal that would give them control over the Hennessy cognac business owned by LVMH, of France.

Senior executives from the three companies met in London yesterday to discuss a proposal that would split LVMH's Moët Hennessy drinks business, in which Guinness holds a 34 per cent stake, into two.

Under the terms put forward by LVMH, Guinness would buy the Hennessy Cognac brand, while LVMH would buy back full control of the Moët Champagne business.

In a statement issued after the stock market closed, Guinness and GrandMet confirmed weekend speculation that Bernard Arnault, chairman of LVMH, had held a second meeting last week with his counterparts at Guinness and GrandMet, Tony Greener and George Bull.

The companies said: "While there were elements of the new proposal which would not be in the best interests of GrandMet and Guinness shareholders in the form proposed, GrandMet and Guinness will assess in full the commercial and financial logic of this new proposal when it is detailed in writing." They added: "It is too early to establish whether any agreement can be reached."

While the valuation put on Moët Hennessy by M Arnault's latest proposal is considered too high by the two British groups — to be renamed GMG Brands post-merger — it looks to have brought the two sides closer to a resolution of their dispute.

Ever since the GMG merger was announced in May, M Arnault has played an increasingly rougher game in a bid not to be left out, snapping up a 6.37 per cent stake in GrandMet to add to his existing 14 per cent holding in Guinness.

But despite the latest development, LVMH's preferred route still appears to be a three-way tie-up putting Moët Hennessy with Guinness's United Distillers and IDV, the spirits arm of GrandMet.

That option, which is to be formally submitted to GMG today, would involve the enlarged drinks business — worth an estimated £10 billion — being floated separately in London, leaving GMG with food businesses such as Pillsbury and Burger King and Guinness's brewing arm. A source close to M Arnault said the formal proposal being submitted today was unlikely to include details of the alternative scheme splitting Moët Hennessy.

If that is the case, M Arnault is likely to receive short shrift from GMG. A source close to Guinness said yesterday: "Any kind of demerger of any sort would not find favour with Greener and Bull. They want to keep food and brewing with wines and spirits."

OFT urges radical pensions overhaul

By Sara McConnell

THE Office of Fair Trading called for a radical overhaul of pension provision in Britain yesterday, condemning the present system as expensive and inadequate.

Publishing the findings of a ten-month inquiry, John Bridgeman, Director-General of Fair Trading, said many personal pension plans represented "poor value", with benefits "frequently eroded by the high cost of marketing and fund management".

Company pension schemes based on final salary discriminated against early leavers, Mr Bridgeman said, leaving some employees who moved jobs several times up to 30 per cent worse off. Schemes based on contributions lacked economy of scale and suffered high fund management charges.

The comprehensive OFT report, which extended to three volumes, outlined proposals for a new-style personal pension, the designated personal pension or DPP. Workers not in company schemes would be able to contribute as they do to personal pensions. More controversially, the OFT suggests members of company schemes should be able to compel their employer to contribute to a DPP instead.

Under the OFT proposals, DPPs would be run collectively, rather than individually, which it said would cut costs. Bodies such as building societies and trade unions as well as insurers should become active pension providers.

Plan-holders would be charged a fixed fee related to the fund value rather than seeing large chunks of their investment used to pay upfront charges.

Pension contributions would be invested in index-tracker funds instead of actively managed funds. The OFT argued that this would eliminate "specious and confusing claims" from salesmen about the superiority of actively managed pension funds. Mr Bridgeman said: "There is little or no evidence that fund managers can deliver above-average performance and every reason to believe that the average consumer would be better off with a passively managed fund".

The OFT also called for equal annuity rates for men and women and removal of the penalties levied by some providers on people who take their pension funds elsewhere to get a better annuity rate.

But it held back from recommending that people be compelled to contribute to DPPs. It rejected arguments from trade unions and sections of the pensions industry that compulsory contributions were the only way to improve pension provision and were key to cutting marketing costs.

The pensions industry reacted angrily to OFT criticisms of existing personal pensions. Scottish Equitable attacked as "controversial and potentially very misleading" the report's conclusions about marketing, distribution and investment.

Ann Robinson, Director-General of the National Association of Pension Funds, said the report demonstrated a lack of understanding about the benefits of company schemes.

The Government is expected to announce an in-depth review of pensions this week, fleshing out its manifesto commitment to simple, low-cost "stakeholder" pensions to top up basic state benefits.

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PETER NICHOLLS

Sir Colin Marshall, and Bob Ayling, seated, at BA's annual meeting yesterday

BA board runs into turbulence from investors

By Jon Ashworth and Harvey Elliott

THE board of British Airways ran into heavy turbulence at yesterday's annual meeting, as shareholders attacked everything from poor employee morale to the new BA livery.

BA gave a further warning that the strength of the pound was affecting yields, leaving the shares 10p lower at 677½p.

Bob Ayling, chief executive, said BA had "needlessly lost tens of millions of pounds" in last week's industrial unrest. The full financial impact is likely to be disclosed next month when BA unveils its first-quarter results.

Nearly 1,400 cabin crew are still off sick after last week's 72-hour strike, which officially ended on Saturday. Services remain disrupted, and BA said it would take until Monday to restore full operations.

Sir Colin Marshall, chairman, told the 980 shareholders at London's Barbican Centre that the disputes were close to being settled. He urged staff and shareholders to "hang on in there", saying: "I believe very sincerely that we are going to see efforts to improve morale once we have the present issues and problems behind us."

A worldwide BA television network and an enhanced employee council are among measures being considered.

Mr Ayling, who says that cost savings of £1 billion a year are needed to keep BA competitive, faced repeated criticism from shareholders; many of them past or present BA employees.

One, Bernard Milton, accused Mr Ayling of alienating staff, saying: "There used to be a scheme called Putting People First (PPF). Now, PPF has come to mean putting profits first — and to hell with the staff."

Mr Ayling said that change was never popular. He added: "I am seen as the person responsible for changing things and I would not for one moment deny that this has caused an upset."

He said that he hoped to push through his programme as quickly as possible, before seeking to rebuild relations.

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STOCK MARKET INDICES

FTSE 100	4899.3	(+41.9)
Yield	3.39%	
FTSE All share	2289.81	(+17.33)
Nikkei	20069.41	(-159.31)
New York:		
Dow Jones	7893.95	(-29.03)*
S&P Composite	916.69	(-1.69)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5 9/16%*	(5 1/2%)
Long Bond	100 22/32*	(100 31/32)
Yield	6.57%*	(6.55%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6 13/16%	([illegible]%)
Liffe long gilt future (Sep)	114 1/8	(114 3/16)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.6765*	(1.6277)
London:		
$	1.6745	(1.6883)
DM	3.0145	(3.0236)
FFr	10.1800	(10.2070)
SFr	2.4733	(2.4892)
Yen	193.39	(192.06)
£ Index	105.1	(105.5)

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London:		
DM	1.8029*	(1.7955)
FFr	6.0850*	(6.0630)
SFr	1.4797*	(1.4753)
Yen	115.80*	(114.00)
$ Index	103.8	(103.0)

Tokyo close Yen 114.35

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Sep)	$18.10	($17.90)

GOLD

London close	$319.75	($320.55)

* denotes midday trading price

Market near to 4,900

The London stock market came close to breaking the 4,900 barrier yesterday as the FTSE 100 index closed up 41.9 points at a record 4,899.3. Dealers went home contemplating the possibility of a breach of the 5,000 level before too long. Banking and retailing sectors led the rises.

The pound began to fall back from its recent highs. Traders took profits at DM3.03, leaving sterling down almost 1 pfennig at DM3.0141. **Markets, page 28**

Golden share in BT abandoned

By George Sivell

THE Government yesterday withdrew its golden share in BT in response to a request from the company made just after the May 1 general election.

BT's golden share was created during the 1984 privatisation to protect the company from takeover. Yesterday, however, the Department of Trade and Industry explained that the British telecoms market had become increasingly competitive and that the international market had changed so much that the golden share was no longer necessary.

A 15 per cent limit on outside shareholdings remains in BT company rules but it is now possible to have an overseas director as BT chairman or chief executive.

DTI officials said the decision to redeem the BT special share had no implications for other special shares.

The Government still has golden shares in National Power, PowerGen, British Energy, Rolls-Royce, British Aerospace, National Grid, Transco, Cable & Wireless, ScottishPower, Scottish Hydro and Northern Ireland Electric.

The scrapping of the BT golden share was seen as a signal that Labour would give BT more commercial freedom.

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Tim Sainsbury sells shares for £4.53m

By Sarah Cunningham

SIR TIM SAINSBURY, a non-executive director of J Sainsbury and former Tory MP for Hove, has added to his personal fortune by selling £4.53 million worth of shares in the supermarkets group.

He sold 1.05 million shares at 431½p each on Friday, the company disclosed yesterday.

The sale was well-timed, with the shares having enjoyed a strong rise since the end of June, reaching a 12-month high after a prolonged spell of underperformance because of the company's lacklustre showing against Tesco. The shares, which have traded as low as 308p this year, closed at 433p yesterday. The company said Sir Tim, who as an MP was the richest man in the House of Commons and who will still be left with nearly 4 per cent of the company, had not given a reason for the sale and was not obliged to as the shares came out of a family trust. He was unavailable for comment.

Sir Tim, a former Trade Minister, stood down at the general election. He is a cousin of David Sainsbury, the executive chairman.

☐ Moir Lockhead, chief executive of Firstbus, Britain's largest bus group, has sold a third of his family stake in the group for £2.03 million. He and his wife retain 1 per cent.

Railtrack seeks more power for Horton

By Jason Nisse

RAILTRACK, owner of Britain's privatised rail infrastructure, is planning to change its articles of association to give chairman Sir Robert Horton greater powers over board decisions.

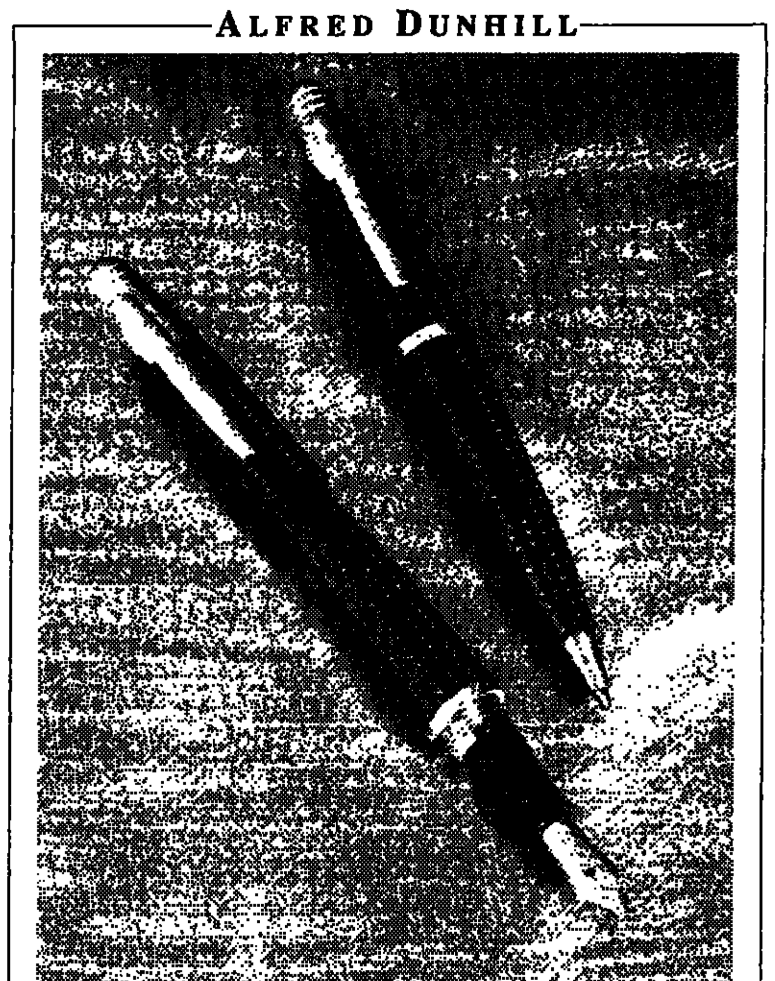
The group will ask its shareholders next week to approve an amendment to the articles that would allow Sir Robert to hold board meetings via "a series of telephone calls from the chairman of the meeting".

Pirc, the pensions advisory body, has noted that the articles say a Railtrack board meeting will have a quorum if only two of its 12 board members are present. In addition, Sir Robert, as chairman, has a casting vote on board decisions.

Anne Simpson, managing director of Pirc, said: "This means that Sir Robert can phone someone up, say this is a board meeting and we've decided to do so and so." The consultants, which boasts clients managing £130 billion of votes, are recommending voting against the motion. Railtrack, which has been in conflict with the rail regulator and John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, said the change merely replaces a previous rule that allows board decisions to be made by posting a resolution to the board members and them posting back their votes.

It said this was used only in extreme cases but admitted it had been used twice in the group's 14 months as a public company. "This is an innovation which gives the company extra flexibilty and allows it to make decisions quickly," said a spokeswoman.

The company added that Sir Robert was required to call all board members and for them to leave contact numbers if they are out of the country. He was also required to give "reasonable" notice of board meetings. The spokeswoman said: "We do not say what is reasonable, but it would be more than 20 minutes." But Pirc notes that Sir Robert has the power to waive the notice of the meeting "retrospectively or in any way he wants".



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Freight boost for P&O

The fire that disrupted services in the Channel Tunnel last November helped P&O to increase business on its cross-channel freight service by 75 per cent in the past three months, according to figures released yesterday.

The absence of competition from Le Shuttle, whose freight service remained closed until May, helped P&O to attract 158,000 units in the first half of the year, against 98,100 last time. Overall passenger levels rose 7 per cent to 2.7 million.

Rock 'n' sold

VCI, the music and video publisher, has bought 1,000 master recordings of rock 'n' roll tracks from Johnny Vincent, an American professional collector, for $2 million (£1.2 million). Mr Vincent, 66, will take all the money in cash and will remain with the company as a consultant.

Scotia post

Scotia Holdings, the drug development group whose shares have lost more than half their value this year, has appointed Robert Dow as group medical and development director. Dr Dow joins from Roche in Basel, where he is worldwide director of drug development.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.38	2.20
Austria Sch	22.18	20.52
Belgium Fr	65.32	60.36
Canada $	2.418	2.230
Cyprus Cyp£	0.927	0.856
Denmark Kr	12.06	11.17
Finland Mkk	9.45	8.70
France Fr	10.63	9.85
Germany Dm	3.18	2.93
Greece Dr	498	459
Hong Kong $	13.76	12.56
Iceland	127	107
Ireland Pt	1.17	1.08
Israel Shk	6.29	5.84
Italy Lira	3100	2863
Japan Yen	208.43	190.90
Malta	0.689	0.630
Netherlds Gld	3.579	3.284
New Zealand $	2.68	2.44
Norway Kr	13.22	12.28
Portugal Esc	316.53	294.50
S Africa Rd	8.34	7.39
Spain Pta	264.79	246.00
Sweden Kr	13.94	12.84
Switzerland Fr	2.62	2.41
Turkey Lira	267008	247130
USA $	1.780	1.637

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BT attempt to cut MCI price will put merger in jeopardy

By Eric Reguly

ANY attempt by British Telecom to renegotiate the MCI purchase price risks legal retaliation in the American courts that could potentially kill the merger, analysts said yesterday.

MCI, the second-largest long-distance phone company in the US, wants the merger to go ahead on its original terms in spite of the surprise announcement last week that its local business will incur losses of $800 (£475 million) this year, more than double the previous estimate. BT agreed last November to pay about £13 billion for MCI, using a mixture of cash and shares.

Bert Roberts, MCI's chairman and a non-executive director of BT, is expected to give shareholders a fuller account of the losses at BT's annual meeting in Edinburgh today.

Mr Roberts is under pressure from Sir Peter Bonfield, the BT chief executive who is to be chief executive of the merged group, called Concert, to seek the resignations of Douglas Maine, MCI's chief financial officer, and Tim Price, president, over the profits warning.

MCI could argue that a price reduction is not warranted because the losses are discretionary and, as such, do not constitute a "material adverse change" in the financial status of the company. Andrew Harrington, a Salomon Brothers analyst, said: "MCI can curtail the losses by simply slowing down the investment in its local business."

If BT insists on dropping the price substantially, MCI could take the matter to court, a costly move that could delay the merger by a year or more and potentially destroy any goodwill between the companies. One analyst said: "If MCI responds with litigation, it would destroy all morale and synergy. BT and MCI are supposed to get along with each other and if they don't, there is no sense in doing the deal."

MCI has no fear of litigation. Founded in the 1960s, the company has made continuous use of the courts to hammer its way into new markets. Gerald Taylor, MCI's chief executive, described MCI in its early years as a "law office with an antenna on the roof".

The price of MCI shares does not suggest that any attempt by BT to reduce the purchase price substantially will fail. BT agreed to pay $6 a share plus 5.4 BT shares (excluding dividends) for each MCI share, giving MCI an implied value of about $43 at BT's current share price. MCI shares closed yesterday at $$37\frac{9}{16}$.

BT could attempt to drop the price by reducing the number of BT shares payable to MCI shareholders. Some analysts think MCI is worth about $25 a share.

MCI's losses in the local business stem from blocking tactics employed by the regional monopolies, known as Baby Bells, to prevent long-distance operators such as AT&T, Sprint and MCI from competing in their markets.

BT shares closed 4p down at $452\frac{1}{2}$p.

Boeing and EU fail to break stalemate

By George Sivell

TALKS between Boeing and the European Commission on the aircraft manufacturer's plans to merge with McDonnell Douglas ended last night without further concessions from Boeing.

Failure by the European Union to approve the merger raises the possibility of another damaging transatlantic trade dispute. EU competition experts will meet again this morning to discuss the merger. On July 4, the 15 competition representatives from all the European states agreed that the deal could not be allowed as it stood.

Boeing's latest offers to win European Union approval for the $14 billion (£8.36 billion) merger were not enough to ease Commission concerns about the deal's effect on competition.

The Commission plans to take a final decision at its weekly meeting on July 23.

Sources said that in some areas the offers made by Boeing were "not sufficient" and in others they were "totally insufficient".

☐ The European Commission cleared payment of $1.6 billion in state-funded aid to Alitalia, the Italian flag carrier, imposing various conditions in return for approval.

Shield to name marketing partner before year end

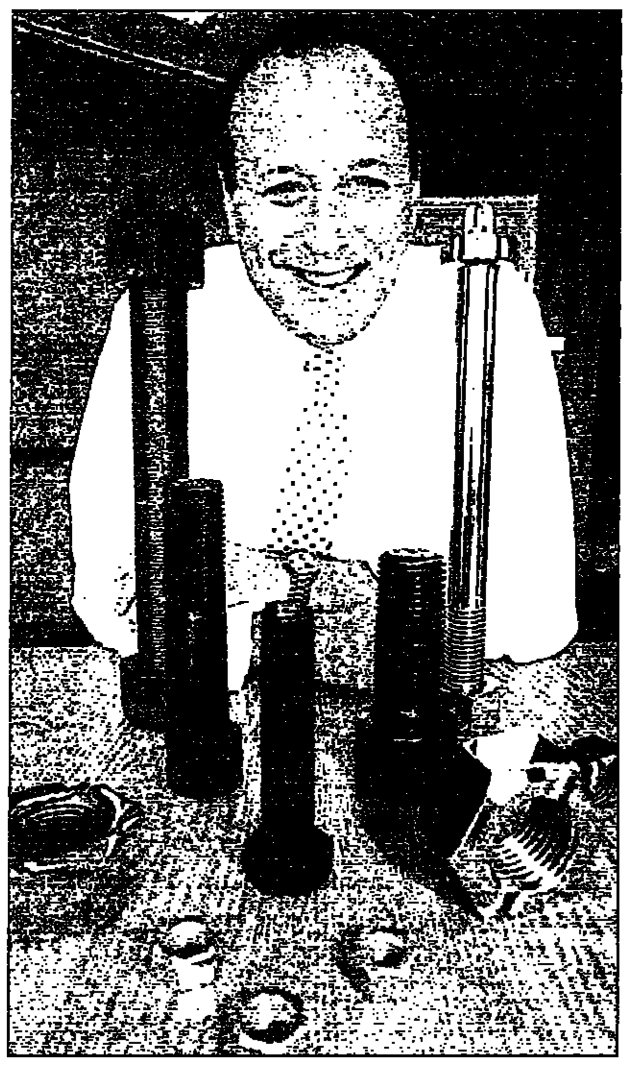
SHIELD DIAGNOSTICS, the Dundee company whose future depends on its promising test for heart disease, expects to name a marketing partner before the end of the year (Paul Durman writes).

Shield believes that its test for Activated Factor 12 (AFT), a blood clotting agent, could replace cholesterol testing for predicting the risk of heart attacks and strokes.

Although the company has produced much persuasive evidence to support its claims, the product is too big for Shield to market itself and so it is seeking to license the test to a leading medical devices company.

In the year to March 31 Shield lost £1.3 million before tax, against a £276,000 profit last time, after a large rise in operating expenses.

As the the company warned in January, it was hit by a fall in sales of its tests for syphilis and chlamydia.



GEM OF A YEAR: Malcolm Diamond, chief executive of Trifast industrial fastenings, where annual pre-tax profits at March 31 rose to £7 million from £5.7 million, after five acquisitions in the preceding 13 months. Earnings per share were 27.6p (23.42p). The final dividend of 6.67p (5.8p), due on September 2, makes a total of 10p (8.7p).

Warning on 'easy money' schemes

By Jon Ashworth

NIGEL GRIFFITHS, the Consumer Affairs Minister, yesterday urged investors to steer clear of "easy money" schemes amid a sharp rise in the level of company investigations.

Welcoming the latest figures from the Department of Trade and Industry, he urged investors to be on their guard.

It also emerged that the number of insider-dealing inspections dealt with by DTI investigators rose from 13 to 21 last year. This was because of a higher volume of referrals from the London Stock Exchange.

Ostrich, champagne and whisky businesses were among those that came to the attention of the DTI last year.

Mr Griffiths said: "The public should let us know about possible scams so that we can tackle them before more damage is done."

The DTI completed 221 investigations in the year to March 31, resulting in 38 winding-up orders. Convictions were obtained against nine defendants and disqualification proceedings are pending in 21 cases. In all, 317 prosecutions, involving 353 defendants, were completed. Convictions were obtained in 95 per cent of these cases. Three hundred and twenty people were convicted, with 79 receiving custodial sentences.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

American retail sales stage strong recovery

RETAIL sales in America recovered more strongly than expected in June after three consecutive monthly declines, the Commerce Department reported yesterday, suggesting a potential revival in consumer activity. Total retail sales increased by 0.5 per cent last month, to a seasonally adjusted $210.3 billion, after a revised 0.3 per cent drop in May. A surprising rise in sales by motor dealers boosted June sales. Excluding new cars, June retail sales were up 0.3 per cent after being flat in May.

Analysts are watching closely for evidence that growth may re-accelerate in the second half, potentially leading the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates to restrain expansion.

Earnings up at US banks

CHASE MANHATTAN and Citicorp, America's two largest banks, reported a rise in second-quarter earnings despite weakness in credit card and consumer banking operations. Chase, which took over the top spot from Citicorp when it acquired Chemical Bank last year, said net income rose to $925 million (£537.8 million) from $856 million a year earlier. Citicorp, also based in New York, said earnings rose to $1 billion in the quarter from $952 million a year earlier.

Construction exports slip

UK CONSTRUCTION companies secured overseas contracts worth £4.8 billion in 1996, compared to £5.5 billion in 1995, according to provisional figures published by the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions. About 40 per cent of these were in North America, with a further 20 per cent in the Far East. The value of work completed in 1996 was about £4.7 billion, compared with nearly £4 billion in 1995.

Centrica to supply Dutch

CENTRICA, the supply arm of the former British Gas, has agreed to supply one billion cubic metres of natural gas a year through the UK-Continent Interconnector pipeline to the Elsta power plant in The Netherlands. Deliveries should start in October 1998 when the Interconnector, linking Bacton, Norfolk, with Zeebrugge in Belgium, is due to open. It is the first agreement by Centrica to supply a major continental end-user directly and the first export sale of UK gas to a power project.

WH Smith airport deal

W H SMITH, the struggling retail group, has taken the concession to operate five news, book and gift stores in the new Hong Kong airport, due to open in a year's time. Smiths intends to open four branches of Waterstone's and one W H Smith. The concessions will run for five years. Smiths, which is searching for a new chief executive following the resignation of Bill Cockburn, is keen to develop its travel retail business in the US and Far East.

AIM Group improves

AIM GROUP, the railway and aircraft interiors company, increased pre-tax profits to £5.7 million (£3.9 million) in the year to April 30 on turnover of £73.98 million (£67.3 million). Earnings per share were 30.7p (20.3p). The final dividend of 6p (4p) will be paid on October 3, lifting the total to 9p (5.5p). Jeff Smith, chairman, said: "The improving margin trend should ensure that further progress is made... much of the profit falling into the second half of the financial year."

Texas powers ahead

TEXAS INSTRUMENTS ran up powerful second-quarter earnings, boosted by strong revenues for its newest computer chips and higher operating margins. In the three months to end-June net income rose to $249 million (£145 million), or $1.26 a share, from $76 million (39 cents a share) in the same period last year. Revenues were up from $2.4 billion to $2.56 billion. Semi-conductor revenues rose 17 per cent from the same quarter last year, and 10 per cent on the first quarter of 1997.

Cowie chooses successor

COWIE, the transport group, has named Michael Gwilt as an eventual successor to Gordon Hodgson, its chief executive. Mr Gwilt, who has spent his career in sales and marketing, joined the main board in March and will become group managing director in January. The company said that he will "assume progressively the responsibilities of chief executive". The shares were unchanged at 351p yesterday.

CrestCo plans expansion of settlement operations

CRESTCO, the company responsible for Crest, the computerised share settlement system, wants to expand operations into the settlement of gilts, unit trusts and open-ended investment companies (Gavin Lumsden writes).

Iain Saville, chief executive of CrestCo, speaking on the first anniversary of the launch of Crest, said the main competitive threat comes from France, Germany and the US, where equity and bond settlement is combined.

In its first year, Crest settled 15 million transactions, 85 per cent on the due date, a better performance than Talisman, its paper-based predecessor run by the Stock Exchange. The backlog of trades had been halved to 61,000 since the blackspot in April, when volumes brought on by the end of the tax-year, nearly brought the system to a standstill.

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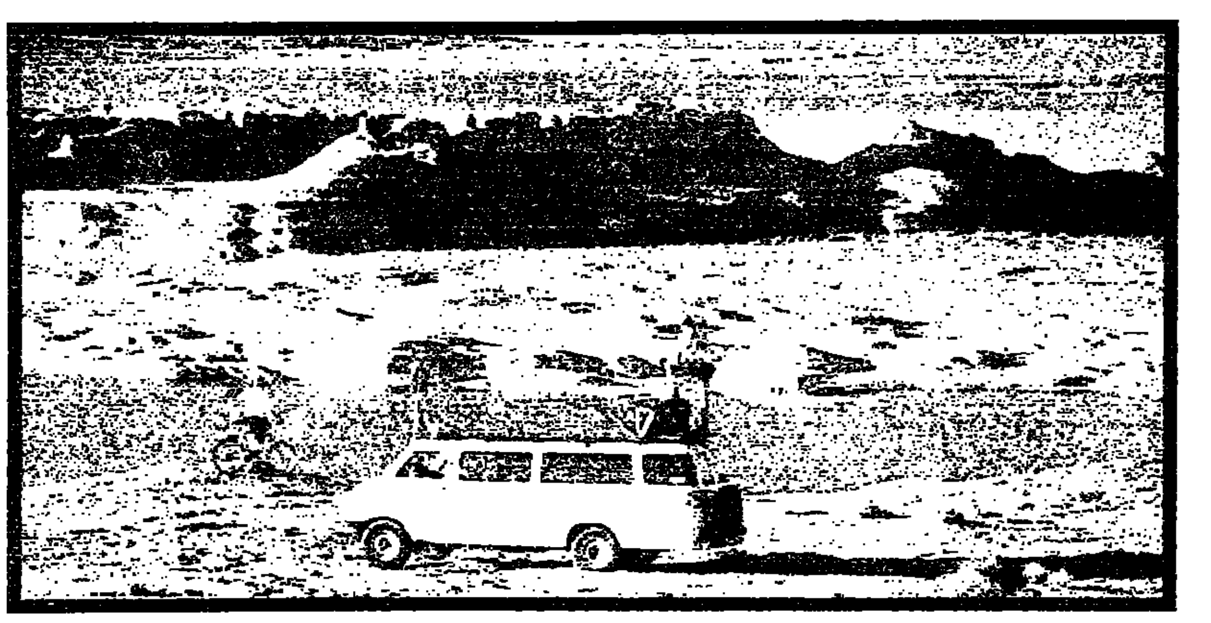

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The liquidator intends to declare a final dividend in the liquidation of the above-named company.

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IN THE MATTER OF XAAR LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 23rd June 1997 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the share premium account of the above-named Company by £3,249,038.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Companies Court Registrar at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday 30th July 1997.

ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of share premium account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

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Dated this day 16th July 1997
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Solicitors for the above-named Company
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A little Anite music

COMMENTARY
by our City Editor

Why is it that once a company hits problems it changes its name? Control Securities became Ascot Holdings, Saatchi & Saatchi became Cordiant, and Cray Electronics became Anite. But changing the company's name does not seem to dim Anite's ability to lose shareholders' money while lining its directors' pockets. However, it may explain why the Stock Exchange has not been able to make any progress with its investigation into the group's misleading interim results published in January 1995. Maybe the investigators are taking some time to digest the change of name.

Of the trio who "saved" Cray in the early 1990s, Sir Peter Michael walked away with £12.6 million worth of shares, Roger Holland bought a Cray subsidiary with assets of £15.5 million for just £1, and Jon Richards is receiving a payoff that could total £640,000.

Mr Richards, who *The Times* revealed had magically presented a £1 million loss as a £7.8 million profit, has already picked up £267,000 in cash and a £56,000 pension payment. If he does not receive a remunerative post by next March he picks up another £134,000 and will get an additional £134,000 if he is still out of work come September 1998. This is hardly an incentive to rush down to the job centre in his Aston Martin DB7. The money already paid out to Mr Richards probably cannot be recovered. But Anite shareholder should force the company to stop these further payments immediately. Never mind his economy with the truth. This is the man who presided over a meltdown in Anite profits and shares, with the group making a £19.2 million loss in 1995-96 and a £50.4 million loss last year. Mr Richards was handsomely rewarded when the group was apparently doing well. Should he be rewarded for it doing badly?

Evidence is now emerging that Anite was never doing that well in the good times anyway. Yesterday, it wrote off £34 million to cover its property problems, which apparently dated back to the late 1980s and were bubbling under the surface during the Michael/Holland/Richards era. It also lost £26 million on businesses recently sold and revealed it was changing an interesting accounting policy. This allowed it to take nearly a quarter of the profit from computer service contracts, which often last for at least a year, in the first month of the deal. Even this cannot explain how a £1 million loss was presented as a £7.8 million profit.

The Cray/Anite story stinks. The Stock Exchange must get to grips with the accusations that the group misled shareholders, or pass the papers to someone who might. The DTI perhaps?

Tarnished EMU remains on track

Wishful thinking has dominated the EMU debate in this country over the past few months. Commentators and politicians are now broadly united in their scepticism towards the single currency — with even the previously pro-EMU CBI expected to reveal next week a cooling of its European ardour. But there is a danger that British observers have confused a desire to see the project fail with the reality that EMU has lost some of its shine but remains tentatively on track.

Traders in the European markets, though, are convinced the project will not collapse unless Kohl says so. The J P Morgan EMU calculator, which measures market expectations, shows the market all but convinced that a broad euro will go ahead on time. But while the focus remains on the political difficulties surrounding the start of the project there has been little examination of the tensions that will result from the creation of a broad and soft euro. In particular, the market's current vision of the single currency seems certain to set the Bundesbank-style European Central Bank on a collision course with the "Club Med" members of EMU. On paper the ECB looks watertight. A specific commitment to price stability has been enshrined in its constitution, while it has also been excluded from granting credit to governments or any European Institutions to plug budget holes.

But the Bundesbank derives its real strength from its reputation rather than its constitution. It has taken a long time to build a sufficient power base with which to challenge the might of the German Government. The ECB, however, could find itself in conflict with European Governments before it has time to establish its own credentials. As a timely paper from UBS points out, the ECB faces three immediate fault lines when trying to marry its task of fixing price stability with exchange rate, unemployment and fiscal policy across the euro area. It would be premature to assume a soft euro is doomed, but the market's reaction to a clash between the ECB and the Club Med governments will quickly make recent squabbles over deficit criteria seem like Euro-harmony.

EU clogs up the waterworks

Water companies should be able to wipe the political slate clean after paying the lion's share of the windfall tax and satisfying John Prescott over leak control at his water summit. But tensions are already building up over the next water price review.

The Ofwat National Consumer Council has issued a warning about extra EU directives being promoted in Brussels. These could raise average household bills by a further £21 a year, partly because expensive work already done would no longer pass muster.

Ian Byatt, Director-General of Water Services, is determined to avoid what followed his last price review. His gradualist approach to bringing down returns on assets allowed the City to demand large cash handouts in year one, albeit most were sugared by relief for customers. This time, he wants to ape power regulators and demand a significant up-front price cut.

The trouble is that, in water, this would be followed by real annual price increases, probably even without extra EU imposts. Customers trying to juggle their bills are unlikely to appreciate such efforts. They deserve a freeze on charges. The trend away from high and volatile inflation allows this. Prices are already high enough to accommodate a good rate of investment on improvements. Spending should be kept within these means, if necessary by shuffling priorities.

OFT repeated

WHAT happens to the usually forthright John Bridgeman when confronted with the City? The Director-General of Fair Trading keeps giving underwriters another chance to sort out the cost of raising money. Now, when faced with high charges by pension providers, he reckons competition will sort this out. But there are nearly 200 life companies and if the market was so efficent everyone would have a pension with Equitable Life.

Talks are off at loss-hit Kenwood

By Sarah Cunningham

KENWOOD, the struggling household appliances group, revealed it plunged into loss last year and said talks with its smaller rival Pifco, which has been stalking it for months, have ended.

Colin Gordon, Kenwood's new chief executive, said the board had looked at proposals made by Pifco and decided they would not lead to a satisfactory offer. The proposals were not put to shareholders. Pifco declined to comment.

Kenwood incurred a loss of £11.4 million in the year to April 4 after taking an exceptional reorganisation charge of £15.5 million. A year earlier, it made a profit of £15.6 million. The company will not be paying a final dividend, so the total for the year will be 3.25p (10p).

Mr Gordon said that profits in the first half of the current year are likely to be lower than last year because of difficult trading conditions and the strong pound. If current exchange rates prevail for the whole year profits will be knocked by £4 million, he said.

Mr Gordon was appointed after Tim Beech, his predecessor, left after a shareholder revolt earlier this year. UK Active Value built up a 9 per cent stake and then forced a vote, which it lost, on whether the company should be put up for sale.

The company cut 416 jobs last year. It is reviewing all its operations and will decide at the end of this year whether more jobs will go. Mizushi, its Italian air conditioning business, has performed poorly again and the company is keen to sell it.

Operating margins across the group declined from 9.3 per cent to 4.3 per cent last year. Mr Gordon said that the business had been wrong to focus on increasing turnover rather than maintain or improve margins and his main objective is to "substantially improve" margins in the next few months.

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SBC agrees link-up with Japanese bank

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

SWISS Bank Corporation has agreed a wide-ranging strategic link with Japan's most prominent wholesale bank to prepare both for Tokyo's planned "Big Bang" financial deregulation, scheduled for the turn of the century.

SBC and the Long Term Credit Bank of Japan have agreed three 50:50 joint ventures to be cemented by group financial links. SBC will also inject cash into LTCB, which is suffering one of the worst bad-debt problems of any leading Japanese bank, to improve its capital ratios.

The most significant new venture will bring together the Tokyo securities and corporate finance business of SBC Warburg and LTCB's smaller, mainly debt-related business. The new investment bank would aim to expand from an existing base of 700 employees, most of whom would come from SBC Warburg.

A letter of intent signed yesterday includes plans to forge a new Tokyo-based fund management business based on SBC Brinson, the Swiss bank's international investment business, and LTCB's domestic pension fund management operations. Brinson manages about £75 billion, much of it in equities, while LTCB controls about £5.5 billion, mostly in debt.

Katsunobo Onogi, LTCB's president, called the alliance "the perfect response to the opportunities presented by the Big Bang". The two banks will also offer private banking for wealthy people. The Swiss bank operates private banking extensively round the world but it is claimed to be a new phenomenon in Japan.

de Gier: "client-focused"

Each parent group will take a 3 per cent stake in the other. In LTCB's case, this will be in new shares. SBC, which has a strong capital base, will subscribe about £365 million in new LTCB preference shares as part of a £1.1 billion capital raising aimed to restore the Japanese group's balance sheet. Although the capital injection will give LTCB high capital ratios, it is likely to be used to allow it to write off bad and doubtful debts.

Warburg and Morgan Stanley's mutual desire to strengthen their Far East operations was one motive for their aborted merger. The subsequent takeover of Warburg by SBC did little to boost Far East operations. The LTCB tie-up, which raises money in wholesale markets for long-term industrial loans, will add a leading Japanese financial name and a fine list of potential blue-chip Japanese customers.

Hans de Gier, executive chairman of SBC Warburg, said:"We will be home to the most creative, dynamic and client-focused team in Japan and beyond". SBC Warburg gains business immediately by acting for LTCB in its capital-raising.

Northern Electric hit by bid costs

NORTHERN ELECTRIC spent £10 million in its failed attempt to thwart CalEnergy, the US company that gained control of the regional electricity company last year after a bitter bid battle (Christine Buckley writes).

The bid costs and the impact of the distribution price review helped to cut pre-tax profits at the company 31 per cent to £103 million in the year to the end of March.

Northern was not obliged to publish its figures but did so for its preference shareholders. The amount of electricity it distributed rose 1.4 per cent in the year, while turnover increased 5.7 per cent.

Northern still has to decide how it will pay its £118 million windfall tax. The company was highly geared at 125 per cent before CalEnergy bought the business. CalEnergy itself came under heavy scrutiny because of its own gearing arrangements in the US after it emerged that its debt was junk rated.

Property cover sends Anite £50.4m into red

By Paul Durman

ANITE, the computer networks and software group that parted company with its chief executive in March, has slumped to a £50.4 million loss after making a £32.2 million provision to cover the cost of dealing with 34 unwanted properties.

The full-year results also show Anite has set aside £640,000 to pay compensation to Jon Richards, its former chief executive. Mr Richards has already received £323,000 and will receive the balance, in two tranches, if he does not secure a job paying £268,000 a year by September next year.

Mr Richards left Anite, formerly known as Cray Electronics, in the wake of reports in *The Times* that showed senior management was aware of serious trading difficulties at least five months before it issued a shock profits warning in April 1995. The Stock Exchange has reopened its inquiry into this matter, though Alec Daly, Anite's chairman, yesterday declined to comment on the progress of the investigation.

Mr Daly said: "There are no major issues within this company that we have not exposed and we are now looking forward. The group has been transformed. We do now have two divisions which are profitable, cash generative and growing."

Last year, increased profits of £6.9 million (£5.2 million) from the continuing software and network integration businesses were wiped out by the £26.3 million loss Anite suffered on its Case Technology manufacturing businesses, which were sold in February.

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Inn Business calls time on buying and goes for growth

By Dominic Walsh

Alan Jackson reported pre-tax profit of £2.92 million

INN Business Group, the pub operator nursed back to health by Alan Jackson, the former Whitbread executive, has called time on acquisitions after a hectic two years of takeover activity.

Since reversing Inn Business into debt-ridden United Breweries in April 1995, Mr Jackson has spent £55 million on acquisitions, the biggest being the £30 million purchase in November of Sycamore Taverns.

But yesterday Mr Jackson said the focus was now firmly on organic growth. "Obviously if somebody came along with a super earnings-enhancing deal we'd look at it."

The company has about 500 tenanted pubs and 27 managed houses. It plans to expand the managed division to about 75 pubs. The recently acquired Hooden Horse food-led concept is to be developed from eight outlets to at least 30.

Mr Jackson outlined his strategy as he reported pre-tax profit up from £386,000 to £2.92 million in the half year to May 31. Turnover rose from £5.59 million to £15.46 million. Earnings per share jumped from 0.97p to 3.19p, and the dividend, due on October 15, is 13.6 per cent higher at 0.625p.

Rolls-Royce power station

A NEW power station that uses a modified aircraft engine as its generator is to be built in Birmingham at a cost of £35 million by Rolls-Royce. It is being built for Eastern Group, the electricity supplier, which will provide gas to fuel the station, and is expected to go into operation next year. Rolls, which will own and manage the 100 megawatt station and supply power under an initial 15-year contract, is currently looking for a 50-50 joint venture partner.

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STOCK MARKET

MICHAEL CLARK

Brokers help to fuel another record rise

CITY brokers have been busily sharpening their pencils ahead of the forthcoming bank interim dividend reporting season. Their collective findings fuelled further impressive gains that helped to drive the equity market to another closing high.

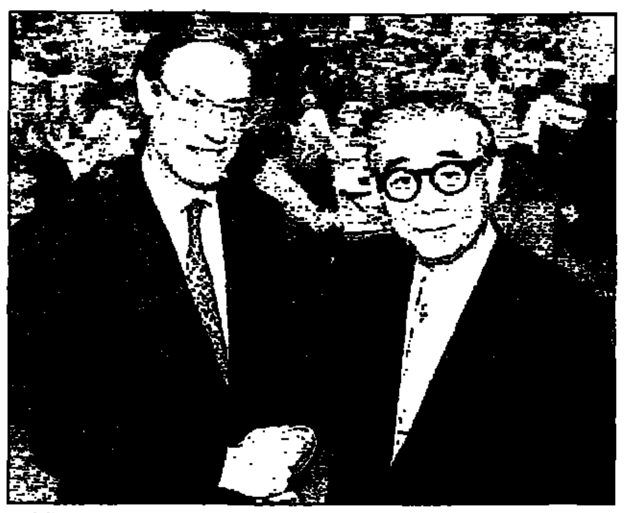
Hopes are high strong earnings and dividend growth will be a feature of this season's results and this was reflected in share prices. **Barclays** put on 18½p at £12.52½. **HSBC** 85p at a new peak of £20.86p. **Lloyds TSB** 22½p at 697½p, **Royal Bank of Scotland** 24p at 634p, and **Standard Chartered** 26½p at £10.00.

But **NatWest** fell 5½p to 853p after cautious comments from several brokers. In a major review of the banking sector, Dresdner Kleinwort Benson has reiterated its "sell" recommendation on NatWest, while SBC Warburg has downgraded from a "buy" to a "hold". Warburg says fair value is 820p.

Top of Kleinwort's shopping list is HSBC, which it says is a "buy" up to the £24 level. It also rates Lloyds TSB a "buy" up to 830p and and has upgraded Barclays and Standard from a "hold" to "add". **Halifax**, unchanged at 756p, is reduced from a "hold" to "reduce". Lehman Brothers, the US securities house, is also positive on HSBC, forecasting a price of £22 short-term.

The latest survey from the British Retail Consortium failed to reflect growing infationary pressures and provided a firm start for trading generally. Another bout of selective support among blue chips sent prices racing sharply to briefly breach the 4,900 level. As a result, London shrugged off an opening deficit on Wall Street. The FTSE 100 Index closed 41.9 up at a new high of 4,899.3. The FTSE 350 closed just 19.0 better at 2,344.9. Total turnover reached 939 million shares.

The drug companies continued to stretch this week's gains with the help of results from overseas companies such as Roche and Johnson & johnson. **Zeneca** ended 39½p dearer at £21.98, while **Glaxo Wellcome** put on 8½p at £13.85. **ICI** also edged 8p higher at 888p after this week's £2 billion sale of its bulk chemical business and there was demand elsewhere in the sector for **BOC Group**, up 20p to £10.62½p. **Ellis & Everard**, 10p to 250p, and **Croda International**, 17p to 271p, **Laporte**, 25½p to 631½p, and **BTP**, 14½p to 276p.



Phillip Stephens, of UBS, left, and Masoyoshi Hanabusa, of Hitachi Credit (UK), which made its debut yesterday

BT was again on the slide, retreating 4p to 452½p ahead of today's annual meeting. The directors will probably be pressed on last week's surprise profits warning from MCI, its proposed merger partner in the US. Shareholders will no doubt want to know why BT had no idea about the problems and whether the merger will now proceed. **Scottish & Newcastle** rose 24p to 752p with the help of a recommendation from Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker, while **Whitbread** put on 21½p at 850p. The shares were changing hands at 760p the day after the Budget. **Grand Metropolitan** fell 8½p to 606p and **Guinness** a similar amount to 606p anxiously awaiting terms from Bernard Arnault, of LVMH, to merge their various drinks arms. He has opposed the £23 billion Guinness/GrandMet merger.

One of the best performances among the top 100 companies was seen in **Rolls-Royce**, which ended 6p better at 222p as almost eight million shares changed hands.

Smith & Nephew moved up 7¼p to 171¾p as Salomon Brothers, the US securities house, moved from "hold" to "buy" and put a 200p target price on the shares.

Increased losses left **Shield Diagnostics** 32½p down on the day at 510p. In spite of the volatilty in the share price this year, Walker Cripps, Weddle, Beck, the broker, is excited about prospects.

Biocompatibles eased 3p to £12.16½, but whispers around the Square Mile claim Johnson & Johnson is poised to make an offer. At these levels Biocompatibles is valued at almost £900 million.

Hitachi Credit (UK) made an encouraging start in first-time trading after a placing by UBS, the broker, at 135p. The shares started at 142½p before closing at 144½p, the best of the day.

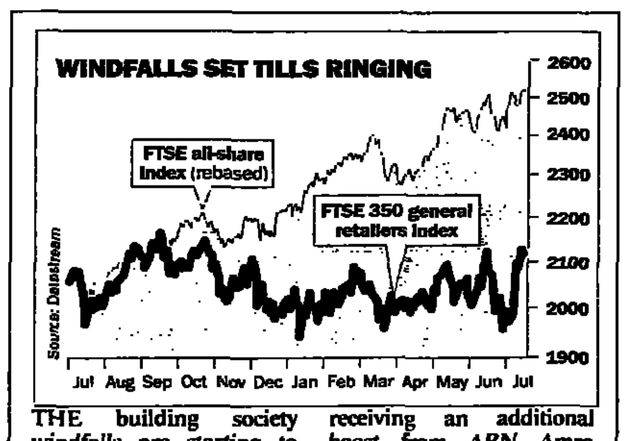
Cairn Energy, up 16½p at 514½p, is linking with **Shell**, down 4½p at 424p to jointly bid for further new blocks in Bangladesh. Shell is also paying Cairn $130 million (£77.5 million) for a half stake in it existing field.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Prices drifted lower again for much of the day although support at the lower levels enabled London to outperform its main European rivals. Worries about a further tightening of German monetary policy and a possible rise in interest rates were offset by mild US retail sales and the British Retail Consortium survey.

The Bank of England has decided to offer £2 billion of Treasury 8 per cent 2021 in next week's auction.

The September series of the Long Gilt finished £1/16 cheaper at £114⅛ as a total of 78,000 contracts were completed. In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 was three ticks lighter at £109 7/16, while at the shorter end, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 finished all-square at £102 7/16.

☐ **NEW YORK:** The Dow Jones industrial average slipped to negative ground in early trading. At midday the index was down 29.03 points at 7,893.95.



THE building society windfalls are starting to find their way into the tills of the big high street retailers, according to the latest British Retail Consortium survey.

But shopkeepers are worried by the impact of persistent rises in interest rates. They say they have been unable to pass on price rises to customers and this has dampened down inflation.

The pick-up for retailers was reflected in many of yesterday's moves, with Dixons Group up 23½p at 583½p and MFI Furniture 3p firmer at 136p after receiving an additional boost from ABN Amro Hoare Govett, the broker, which continues to rate the shares a "buy". Others to go better included Argos, 15p to 622½p; Kingfisher, 18½p to 733½p; Boots, 21½p to 809p; UNO, 20p to 295p; and W H Smith, 13½p to 364p.

Brokers say there has been pent-up demand for selective retailers because of the recovery in the housing market, which has now begun to filter through to durable goods.

"Good news flows have been underpinning sentiment," said one broker.

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):

Dow Jones	7893.95 (-29.03)
S&P Composite	916.69 (-1.69)

Tokyo:

Nikkei Average	20069.41 (-159.31)

Hong Kong:

Hang Seng	15487.24 (+116.30)

Amsterdam:

EOE Index	949.16 (+0.99)

Sydney:

AO	2637.60 (-35.40)

Frankfurt:

DAX	4121.13 (-3.06)

Singapore:

Straits	1937.09 (-17.51)

Brussels:

General	14044.16 (-37.80)

Paris:

CAC-40	2950.70 (+9 11)

Zurich:

SKA Gen	1192.70 (-1.90)

London:

FT 30	3098.3 (+18.2)
FTSE 100	4899.3 (+41.9)
FTSE 250	4451.5 (+27.6)
FTSE 350	2344.9 (+19.0)
FTSE Eurotrack 100	2685.03 (-2.83)
FTSE All-Share	2289.81 (+17.33)
FTSE Non Financials	2303.03 (+11.72)
FTSE Fixed Interest	124.78 (-0.29)
FTSE Govt Secs	96.61 (-0.05)
Bargains	53574
SEAQ Volume	939.5m
US$	1.6743 (-0.014)
German Mark	3.0141 (-0.0098)
Exchange Index	105.1 (-0.4)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
E:ECU	1.5260
E:SDR	1.2216
RPI	157.5 Jun (2.9%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	156.7 Jun (2.7%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

AIT	150½	...
Ashtenne	130½	+ 4
Cammell Laird	112½	– 2
Delcam	267½	...
European Mng Fin	25	...
Galen Holdings	202	+ 12
Grosmont Hldgs	3	...
Grosmont Hldgs Wrts	1	...
Hitachi Credit (UK)	144½	...
Primesight	130½	– 4½
Reabourne Merlin	109	– 1
Royalblue Group	208½	...
SBS Group	109½	...
SGB Group	156	...
Woolwich	299	– 1½

RIGHTS ISSUES

Dragon Oil n/p (2)	¼	...
HIT Entertnmnt n/p (270)	...	
Mackie Intl n/p (20)	7½	...
MWB Group n/p (175)	½	– ¼

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

SOCO Intl	333p (+31p)
Fired Earth	206½p (+18p)
Hamleys	267½p (+20p)
UNO	295p (+20p)
Croda	271p (+17p)
BG	241½p (+14p)
Cookson	204½p (+10p)
H&C Furnishing	253½p (+11p)
Innovative Tech	286p (+11½p)
Ellis & Everard	250p (+10p)
Laird	331p (+13p)
BBA	344p (+13p)
WH Smith	364p (+13½p)
Ladbroke	257p (+8½p)
Scot & New	752p (+24p)
S&U	345p (+10p)
Stagecoach	695p (+20p)
Davis Service	267½p (+10p)

FALLS:

Real Time	244p (-17½p)
Vanguard	414p (-28½p)
Shield Diag	510p (-32½p)
Rank Group	350½p (-17p)
Servisair	387½p (-16p)
AIM	555p (-15p

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TEMPUS

BT stays on the party line

THE bosses of BT and MCI are singing the same song — the merger stands, the strategy is fine and the two boards are united. Sir Peter Bonfield might get through today's annual meeting of BT if he keeps chanting that mantra. Meanwhile, the foundations of his deal with MCI are shuddering. If anyone still thinks the merger terms are credible they should look at the MCI and BT share prices.

BT originally offered $6 plus 5.4 of its shares for each MCI share. Last night, the implied price of MCI on the merger terms was about $43 compared with an actual price for MCI of $36 per share. Assuming the market is not crazy, BT investors should be asking Sir Peter why he is prepared to pay almost 20 per cent more for MCI than the company is worth?

The answer is that Sir Peter feels he has little choice but to back the MCI bosses. If you believe the publicity, BT and MCI have been thick as thieves since 1994 when the UK company acquired 20 per cent of the American long-distance operator. BT backed the MCI men, their strategy and the investment of billions into building a local US telephone network. In order to back out of this deal, Sir Peter would almost have to accuse MCI of concealing information about the local network debacle. In the meantime, investors who turn up in Edinburgh might ask Sir Peter whether BT really needs a local US network and, if not, why support the investment?

Arbitrageurs looking for a cheap way into BT will now be in a quandary. Buying MCI today, you can get BT shares at a 20 per cent discount, unless the deal is renegotiated. But it is still on, isn't it?

Kenwood

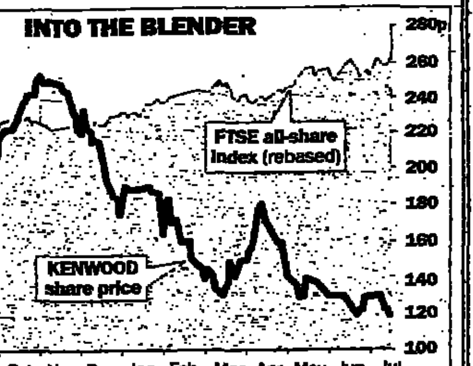
KENWOOD looks like it has been shredded in one of its own blenders. The company has endured three different chief executives and two chairman, lived through a shareholder revolt led by UK Active Value and fought off the attentions of rival Pifco.

Yesterday's news of dire results are cold comfort for shareholders who wanted rid of the last chief executive. Rather than offering hope for the future, the figures paint a bleak picture of Kenwood's decline. While sales crept higher last year, margins collapsed from 9.3 per cent to 4.3 per cent. In the UK, market share for Kenwood products has increased but at a huge cost.

The Italian business, particularly the Mizushi air conditioning company, had a disastrous year. Kenwood now wants to sell the busines, but will will struggle to find a buyer. Plans to focus on the Kenwood brand and increase product outsourcing sound very much like the old management's dressed in new clothes; the reorganisation cost of £15.5 million will be hard to swallow.

Kenwood gives warning that the first half of this year will be worse than last year, and talks of another hit from sterling. Moreover, it is not paying a final dividend, nor promising one for next year.

With a Pifco bid now out of the frame, there is little to sustain the share price. A further substantial fall could see more takeover interest, but for now this is one to avoid.



British Airways

THE word *new* cropped up 15 times in Robert Ayling's description of British Airways' new mission yesterday. BA's chief executive told the annual meeting about a new identity and new corporate colours for a new millennium. Could this be new British Airways under new Labour?

Unfortunately, Mr Ayling was unable to include new labour relations in his theme. The omission, not entirely his fault, is critical to BA's strategy of competing head to head in every section of the airline market, right down to the lowliest cost cutter in the industry. He plaintively notes that some of his competitors do not have unions, a not very hidden reference to Virgin and British Midland.

BA pays its junior cabin crew a basic salary, excluding allowances, of about £11,000, 10 per cent more than crews working for competitors as well as cabin crew at GB Airways, a BA franchise. Last week's strike cost the airline heavily and it is clear that BA cannot afford another strike which would severely damage bookings in the crucial summer season. If BA fails to strike a deal soon, investors should sell.

What this strike reveals is that for all the hooplah about BA's attack on costs, the company is probably working with higher overheads than domestic competitors such as Virgin or British Midland. In the circumstances one might wonder why BA so resolutely pursues volume and scale instead of charging for better service, but suicidal pricing was always a feature of this industry.

Aston Villa

BIG loss, good news. Welcome to the wonderful world of football finance. Any normal company that forecast profits of £2.8 million at flotation but then made a loss of £3.9 million would face a lynch mob. But Aston Villa's shares rose 30p.

Aston Villa's loss was blamed on the expense of buying top flight players — namely Stan Collymore, the disaffected former Liverpool striker. The word on the Holte End terraces is that someone helping Dwight Yorke knock the goals in, added to the best defence in the Premiership, gives Villa a good chance of winning something this year.

Poor performance on the pitch has been a problem for Villa. The club's early exit from the FA and Coca-Cola cups accounted for the fall in operating profit from £6.2 million to £5.4 million.

Things look better this year, partly because of an increase in TV money, with the exciting prospect of pay-per-view TV. There may be worries about Doug Ellis's all-consuming control over the club, but if there is good value in the football sector, it is represented by Villa.

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COMMODITIES

LIFFE

COCOA

Jul	1026-1021	Sep	1131-1129
Sep	1046-1044	Dec	1142-1140
Dec	1071-1070	Mar	1156-1148
Mar	1089-1088	May	1168-1164
May	1106-1104		
Jul	1118-1116		Volume: 4175

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jul	1560 SLR	Mar	1520-1510
Sep	unq	May	unq
Nov	1581-1572	Jul	...
Jan	1550-1540		Volume: 14280

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	316.0-15.0
Spot: 325.2		May	316.0-14.5
Aug	327.7-26.7	Aug	313.0-10.5
Oct	317.0-16.0	Oct	306.0-05.0
Dec	314.5-13.1		Volume: 2610

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Average fatstock prices at representative markets on July 14

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	89.58	111.91	99.86
(+/-)	-1.19	-7.00	-0.31
Eng/Wales:	89.58	112.19	99.71
(+/-)	-1.17	-7.00	-0.24
(%)	-7.0	+30.0	+7.0
Scotland:	89.51	109.94	101.28
(+/-)	-1.03	-6.65	-0.87
(%)	+2.0	+48.0	+4.0

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CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	17.95	+0.15
Brent 15 day (Aug)	18.10	+0.20
Brent 15 day (Sep)	18.10	+0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	19.35	+0.35
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	19.40	+0.20

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	189 (n/c)	190 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	163 (+1)	164 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	81 (n/c)	85 (n/c)
Naphtha	174 (n/c)	176 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Aug	162.50-62.75	Nov	168.00-68.25
Sep	164.25-64.50	Dec	169.50-69.75
Oct	166.25-66.50		Vol: 13029

BRENT (6.00pm)

Aug	18.11-18.12	Nov	18.45 SLR
Sep	18.21-18.24	Dec	18.47 SLR
Oct	n/a		Vol: 39197

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

LIFFE WHEAT (close £/t)		LIFFE BARLEY (close £/t)	
Sep	80.75	Sep	76.75
Nov	83.00	Nov	79.25
Jan	85.15	Jan	81.25
Mar	87.05	Mar	83.00
May	89.25	May	84.25
Volume: 327		Volume: 23	

LIFFE POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	40.0
Mar	—	60.0
Apr	73.0	69.0
		Volume: 70

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Aug 60.75-61.25

LIFFE BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jul 97	1335	1320	1336
Aug 97	1265	1250	1265
Sep 97	unq	unq	1300
Oct 97	1420	1415	1420
Vol. 187 lots		Open interest 3326	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2590.0-2591.0	2325.0-2326.0	Vol: 3487850
Lead ($/tonne)	641.50-642.00	656.00-657.00	463625
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1486.0-1487.0	1490.5-1491.0	1082475
Tin ($/tonne)	5485.0-5490.0	5555.0-5560.0	25950
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1546.0-1546.5	1575.5-1576.0	3644725
Nickel ($/tonne)	6775.0-6785.0	6890.0-6891.0	133098

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
Alld Dom	420	36	51	58	0	7	15
(*456)	460	3	27½	34½	2	22	32½
ASDA	140	5	10	14	0½	5½	7½
(*145)	160	0	2½	6	15	18	19
Boots	800	11	44½	62	3	26	34½
(*809½)	850	0	21½	38	41½	52½	60
Br Airways	650	35	60½	75	0	14	22
(*685)	700	1	31½	47½	16	34	43
BP	750	47	65½	81½	0	13½	22
(*797)	800	4½	34½	52	7	30	41
Br Steel	140	11	16	19	0	3½	5½
(*151)	160	0½	5½	9	9½	12½	15
C & W	550	48½	70	82½	0	10½	19½
(*598½)	600	5	39½	54½	6	29	39½
CU	650	48½	77½	93	0	28	35
(*698½)	700	2	50	67	4	51	58½
ICI	850	39½	68½	84½	0	26½	37
(*886)	900	7	43½	62	15½	50½	60½
Land Sec	900	44½	71	85	0	11	17
(*944½)	950	4	39	54	9	29	35½
M & S	550	27½	40½	55	0	13	16½
(*577)	600	0½	20	31	23	34½	42
Nat West	850	8	67	78	7½	57	70½
(*853½)	900	0	50½	76	46½	88½	109
Safeway plc	360	27	36½	40½	0	5½	12
(*387)	390	1½	19½	29	4½	16	24
Sainsbury	420	13	31	40½	0½	14	19
(*432½)	460	0	14	22½	27½	36	40
Shell	417	8	24½	35	1½	15½	20½
(*424)	433	1	17	27	9½	23½	28½
Smkl Bch	1250	11½	73½	106½	8	53	72
(*1254½)	1300	0	50½	82	46	80½	98
Storehse	300	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	330	—	—	—	—	—	—
Trafalgar	50	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	60	—	—	—	—	—	—
Zeneca	2100	99½	168	226	0	41	67½
(*2199)	2200	14½	110	171	14½	84	110½
Series		**Jul**	**Oct**	**Jan**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Jan**
BAT Ind	550	5	35½	50½	6	37½	44
(*550)	600	0	18½	31	50	70½	75½
Vodafone	280	12½	25½	32½	0	9	13
(*292)	300	1	14½	22½	9½	18	22½
Series		**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**
Grnd Met	600	21½	40½	48	18½	29½	39½
(*606)	650	6½	20½	29½	51½	58½	59
Ladbroke	240	20½	27	33	3	6	9½
(*255)	260	9	16	22½	10½	16½	18
Utd Bisc	200	10½	17	21½	4	9	10
(*205)	220	3½	8	12½	16	20	21

July 15, 1997 Tot: 85340 Call: 50731 Put: 34609 FTSE Calls: 18363 Put: 6236
*Underlying security price.

Series		Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
BAA	550	41	56½	67	0	7	13
(*591)	600	1	24½	36½	9½	25½	32
Thames W	750	22½	54	66½	1	23	31
(*771½)	800	0½	31	41½	29	48½	56
Series		**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**
BTR	180	19½	23	29	2	7½	9
(*197)	200	8	13½	19	8½	16½	17½
Br Aero	1300	66	100	130½	19	39½	50
(*1346)	1350	36½	73	103	40½	62½	72½
Br Telem	420	36½	44	50½	4½	14	21
(*451½)	460	12½	24	31½	28½	37	39½
Cadbury	550	45	57½	69½	2	12½	15
(*588)	600	14	28	40	20½	33	35½
Guinness	600	22½	39	49½	15	26	34½
(*604½)	650	4½	17½	27	47½	56½	62½
GEC	360	16	28	33½	7	13	16½
(*367½)	390	4½	14½	20½	25	29½	32
Hanson	280	12	22	30	7	14½	18
(*283)	300	4	13½	21	19	26	29½
LASMO	260	15½	25	32	5½	9½	12½
(*269)	280	5½	15	22	15	19½	22
LucasVarity	180	16	21½	26	2	6	7
(*193)	200	4½	10½	15½	10½	14½	16
Pilkngtn	110	10½	—	—	2	—	—
(*118)	120	5	—	—	6	—	—
Prudential	600	33	53½	69	16	33½	39
(*613½)	650	11	31	46	44½	60½	66
Redland	280	24	32	38½	3	9½	11½
(*297½)	300	12	20½	28½	10½	19½	20½
R-Royce	220	11½	19½	24	6½	11½	14
(*223)	240	4	11	15	19	22	25
Tesco	420	21½	31	42	9	16½	20½
(*431)	460	5	13	23	31½	38	42
Williams	330	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	360	—	—	—	—	—	—

FTSE INDEX (*4899)

	4750	4800	4850	4900	4950	5000
Calls						
Jul	163½	117	73	39	19	5
Aug	197½	161	126½	97½	72½	51½
Sep	245	207	175	144	117½	[illegible]
Oct	272½	237	207	177	149	128
Dec	—	310½	—	245	—	190
Puts						
Jul	2	5	12	29½	58	101
Aug	15	48	64½	86	111½	140
Sep	62	75	94½	115	139	166
Oct	74½	89½	109	130	154	182
Dec	—	122½	—	159½	—	208

Series		Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
Abby Nat	850	13	60	84	4½	48	59
(*857½)	900	0	38½	60½	42½	76½	86½
Amstrad	140	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	160	—	—	—	—	—	—
Barclays	1250	14	80	123	11½	69½	92½
(*1252½)	1300	1	59½	98½	48½	97½	118½
Natl Pwr	500	49½	64½	72½	0	7	12
(*549½)	550	5	32½	41	5	23	31
Glaxo Well	1350	40	87½	124½	2	45	63
(*1388½)	1400	6½	61	97½	19½	68	86½
HSBC	1900	197½	233	293	0	30	59½
(*2087)	2000	87½	164½	227	0	59	93
Reuter	550	49½	66½	83	0	9	16½
(*598½)	600	4½	37	54	7½	28	36½
Royal & Sun Allian	460	7½	31½	40	2½	24	29
(*465)	500	0	14½	21	35	47½	51
Blue Circ	390	33	41	50½	2½	9½	12
(*417½)	420	13	23	33	12½	21½	25½
Kingfshr	700	47½	61	76½	8½	19½	25
(*732½)	750	19½	35	50½	29½	41	47½
Series		**Jul**	**Oct**	**Jan**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Jan**
Br Gas	240	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	260	—	—	—	—	—	—
Series		**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**
Dixons	550	44	59½	71½	14½	21½	25½
(*583)	600	21	34½	46½	37	44½	49½
EMI Group plc	1100	59	94½	116	45½	62	73½
(*1109)	1150	37½	72	92	73	89½	99½
Tarmac	110	13	15	18	2	4	5½
(*118½)	120	7	10	13	6	9	10
Hillsdwn	160	15	—	—	2	—	—
(*170½)	180	4½	—	—	11½	—	—
Lonrho	120	10½	14	17	3	4½	7
(*126½)	130	5½	9½	12½	8	9½	12
Sears	90	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	100	—	—	—	—	—	—
Thorn EMI	1500	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	1600	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tomkins	280	12½	18½	22	10½	14½	18
(*286½)	300	4½	9½	13	23½	26	29½
Lloyds TSB	650	64½	89	102	18½	30	39½
(*695½)	700	37½	62½	76	39½	52	62
Scot Pwr	420	33	38½	46	9½	15	20
(*440)	460	11	20	26½	31	36	39½
Unilever	1700	101½	139	172	19½	36½	45
(*1762)	1800	43½	91	114	63½	90	89

Series Aug Nov Feb Aug Nov Feb

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
Long Gilt	Sep 97	114-02	114-11	113-30	114-04	79296
Previous open interest 178275	Dec 97	113-23	113-23	113-23	113-24	25
German Govt Bond (Bund)	Sep 97	102.48	102.51	102.17	102.32	223824
Previous open interest 296959	Dec 97	101.54	101.54	101.30	101.41	643
Italian Govt Bond (BTP)	Sep 97	136.21	136.25	135.36	135.54	65592
Previous open interest 109476	Dec 97	108.18	108.18	107.64	107.67	760
Japanese Govt Bond (JGB)	Sep 97	124.76	124.76	124.56	124.59	2933
	Dec 97	124.15	124.15	123.95	123.98480	
Three Mth Sterling	Sep 97	92.84	92.85	92.83	92.83	8892
	Dec 97	92.60	92.63	92.59	92.60	12474
Previous open interest 585770	Mar 98	92.49	92.52	92.48	92.50	10507
Three Mth Euromark	Sep 97	96.76	96.78	96.75	96.77	50077
Previous open interest 1514650	Dec 97	96.64	96.64	96.60	96.62	60915
Three Mth Eurolira	Sep 97	93.31	93.34	93.27	93.34	20219
Previous open interest 364434	Dec 97	93.71	93.74	93.66	93.70	13559
Three Mth Euroyen	Dec 97	99.16	99.16	99.16	99.17	50
	Mar 98	98.95	98.95	98.95	98.95	50
Three Mth Euroswiss	Sep 97	98.56	98.60	98.54	98.57	10811
Previous open interest 136831	Dec 97	98.40	98.47	98.40	98.43	6568
Three Mth ECU	Sep 97	95.73	95.76	95.70	95.73	1849
Previous open interest 32038	Dec 97	95.71	95.73	95.70	95.70	1393
FTSE 100	Sep 97	4873.0	4943.0	4870.0	4932.0	15065
Previous open interest 75456	Dec 97	4949.0	4961.5	4949.0	4993.5	76

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¾ Finance Hse 7
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 7¼ Low 6½ Week fixed: 6¾
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6⅝; 3 mth 6⅝. Sell: 2 mth 6⅝; 3 mth: 6⅝.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	6¾-6⅝	6⅞-6¾	6⅞-6¾	7⅛-7	
Sterling Money Rates:	6¾-6⅝	6¾-6⅝	6⅞-6¾	7⅛-7⅛	7⅜-7¼
Interbank:	6¾-6⅝	6¾-6⅝	6⅞-6¾	7¼-7⅛	7½-7⅜

Overnight: open 6¾, close 6½.

Local Authority Deps:	6⅝	n/a	6¾	7⅛	7¼
Sterling CDs:	6¾-6⅝	6⅞-6¾	6⅞-6¾	7⅛-7⅛	7⅜-7¼
Dollar CDs:	5.56	n/a	5.61	5.71	5.92
Building Society CDs:	6¾-6⅝	6⅞-6¾	6⅞-6¾	7⅛-7⅛	7⅜-7¼

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5⅝-5½	5⅝-5½	5⅝-5½	5¾-5⅝	5½-4¼
Deutschemark:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3	3¼-3⅛	3¼-2½
French Franc:	3⅛-3	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅜-3¼	3¼-2½
Swiss Franc:	1⅝-1½	1⅝-1½	1⅝-1½	1⅝-1½	1⅛-⅝
Yen:	½-⅜	½-⅜	⅝-½	⅝-½	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $319.15-319.45 **Close:** $319.50-320.00 **High:** $321.30-321.80
Low: $318.80-319.30 **AM:** $319.00 **PM:** $319.75

Krugerrand: $319.00-321.00 (£190.00-192.00)

Platinum: $404.00 (£240.00) **Silver:** $4.34 (£2.585) **Palladium:** $172.00 (£102.15)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mid Rates for July 15	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.3841-3.4074	3.3920-3.3949	1⅛-1pr	3⅛-3pr
Brussels	62.090-62.510	62.205-62.310	20-15pr	58-51pr
Copenhagen	11.455-11.533	11.483-11.493	⅝-⅜pr	1⅛-⅞pr
Dublin	1.1151-1.1243	1.1166-1.1186	8-2pr	22-16pr
Frankfurt	3.0061-3.0267	3.0132-3.0158	⅞-¾pr	2⅛-2⅛pr
Lisbon	303.55-305.52	304.19-304.53	⅝-⅜pr	1⅛-⅞pr
Madrid	253.25-254.97	253.92-254.06	37-26pr	114-95pr
Milan	2920.5-2940.4	2926.9-2929.5	2-14ds	13-10ds
Montreal	2.2866-2.3088	2.2922-2.2948	0.73-0.68pr	1.38-1.30pr
New York	1.6710-1.6878	1.6740-1.6750	0.173-0.152pr	0.535-0.505pr
Oslo	12.586-12.666	12.626-12.640	⅝-⅛pr	⅝-⅛pr
Paris	10.154-10.224	10.175-10.184	⅝-⅛pr	⅝-⅛pr
Stockholm	13.087-13.201	13.128-13.148	⅝-⅛pr	⅝-⅛pr
Tokyo	192.70-193.51	193.26-193.51	1⅛-1pr	3⅛-3pr
Vienna	21.154-21.296	21.199-21.220	⅝-⅛pr	2-1⅛pr
Zurich	2.4633-2.4896	2.4717-2.4748	1⅛-1⅛pr	3⅛-3⅛pr

Source: Extel *Premium* - pr. *Discount* - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3559-1.3577
Austria	12.66-12.67
Belgium (Com)	37.15-37.16
Canada	1.3680-1.3685
Denmark	6.8572-6.8592
France	6.0757-6.0777
Germany	1.7991-1.7996
Hong Kong	7.7475-7.7485
Ireland	1.4920-1.4940
Italy	1747.80-1749.30
Japan	115.27-115.37
Malaysia	2.5625-2.5655
Netherlands	2.0252-2.0262
Norway	7.5328-7.5378
Portugal	181.50-181.80
Singapore	1.4430-1.4440
Spain	151.66-151.71
Sweden	7.8281-7.8356
Switzerland	1.4751-1.4760

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6728-1.6755
Australia dollar	2.2627-2.2656
Bahrain dinar	0.6305-0.6425
Brazil real*	1.8052-1.8098
China yuan	13.845-14.145
Cyprus pound	0.8640-0.8740
Finland markka	8.8775-8.9935
Greece drachma	469.75-476.75
Hong Kong dollar	12.9306-12.9400
India rupee	59.85-60.81
Indonesia rupiah	n/a
Kuwait dinar KD	0.5065-0.5165
Malaysia ringgit	4.2718-4.2814
New Zealand dollar	2.5109-2.5136
Pakistan rupee	67.90 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.0875-6.2115
Singapore dollar	2.4084-2.4108
S Africa rand (com)	7.6460-7.7480
U A E dirham	6.1400-6.2640

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

FTSE VOLUMES

3i	1,700	Ladbroke	6,900
ASDA Gp	21,300	Land Secs	903
Abbey Ntl	2,400	Legal & Gn	1,300
Alice & Lekc	5,000	Lloyds TSB	9,000
Allied Dom	1,700	LucasVarity	5,800
AB Foods	260	Marks Spr	7,100
BAA	2,900	Mercury Ast	150
BAT Inds	11,000	NatWst Bk	6,100
BG	12,100	Nat Grid	12,800
BOC	322	Nat Power	4,700
BP	4,300	Next	1,800
BSkyB	2,100	Orange	915
BTR	9,800	P & O	1,700
BT	53,700	Pearson	2,700
Bk of Scot	5,000	PowerGen	3,600
Barclays	4,200	Prudential	3,500
Bass	1,900	RMC	143
Blue Circle	2,500	Railtrack	3,300
Boots	7,400	Rank Group	4,800
BAe	1,800	Reckitt Col	680
BA	4,400	Reed Intl	1,300
British Land	1,700	Rentokil	2,100
Brit Steel	18,100	Reuters	5,200
Burmah Cstl	270	Rio Tinto	2,400
Cable Wire	7,300	Rolls Royce	7,900
Cadbury	5,500	Royal & Sun	2,500
Carlton Cms	1,700	Royal Bk Sct	7,300
Centrica	18,800	Safeway	2,600
Cm Union	1,600	Sainsbury	4,300
Dixons	6,400	Schroders	111
EMI	888	Scot & New	3,500
Energy Gp	1,200	Scot Power	5,100
Enterpr Oil	2,500	Svrn Trent	6,200
GKN	1,900	Shell Trans	13,200
GRE	2,500	Siebe	609
GUS	2,000	SmKl Bch	6,000
Gen Acc	1,200	Smiths Inds	680
Gen Elec	8,700	Std Chartd	3,400
Glaxo Well	5,500	TI Gp	1,300
Granada	2,600	Tate & Lyle	4,600
Grand Met	6,800	Tesco	4,400
Guinness	2,000	Thames W	565
HSBC	5,900	Tomkins	3,000
Halifax	9,000	Unilever	953
Hanson	1,600	Utd Utilities	1,400
Hays	1,600	Utd News	2,200
ICI	6,200	Vodafone	4,200
Imp Tob	1,900	Whitbread	1,000
Kingfisher	2,000	Wolseley	1,200
LASMO	1,500	Zeneca	1,300

WALL STREET

	Jul 15 midday	Jul 14 close
AMP Inc	46⅛	45⅞
AMR Corp	93⅞	93⅞
AT & T	35⅝	35⅜
Abbott Labs	63¾	64⅛
Advanced Micro	38⅛	38⅞
Aetna Life	104¼	104⅛
Ahmanson (HF)	47⅛	47⅛
Air Prod & Chem	85⅝	85⅝
AirTouch Comm	28⅛	28⅛
Albertson's	38⅝	38⅝
Alcan Alumnm	34⅞	34⅞
Allied Signal	86⅞	86⅞
Alum Co of Am	78⅝	77⅝
Amerada Hess	54½	54½
Amer El Power	43⅞	43⅞
Amer Express	79⅝	78⅝
Amer Genl Corp	49⅛	49⅛
Amer Home Pr	79⅛	79⅛
Amer Intl	154⅜	154⅛
Amer Stores	54⅛	53
Amer Standard	45⅛	45⅛
Ameritech	67⅞	68⅛
Amgen	59⅞	59⅜
Amoco	89⅝	89⅝
Andrew Corp	33⅜	33⅛
Anheuser-Busch	43⅜	43½
Apple Computer	15⅞	15⅜
Archer Daniels	22⅛	23⅛
Armco	4⅛	4
Armstrng Wrld	66⅜	68⅛
Asarco	32⅛	32
Atl Richfield	68⅞	68⅞
Atmel Corp	34⅛	34⅜
Auto Data Pro	49⅛	48⅛
Avery Dennison	41⅛	41⅛
Avon Products	74⅞	74⅛
Baker Hughes	43⅞	43⅛
Baltim Gas & El	27⅛	27⅛
Banc One	48⅛	48⅞
BankAmerica	66⅜	66⅛
Bank of NY	46⅝	46⅛
Bankers Tr NY	94	94⅛
Barnett Banks	54½	54⅝
Bausch & Lomb	46⅛	45⅛
Baxter Intl	58⅝	58⅜
Becton Dickinsn	54⅞	54⅝
Bell Atlantic	69⅜	69⅛
BellSouth	46	46
Black & Decker	40⅞	41⅛
Block (H&R)	35⅞	35⅛
Boeing	57⅛	57⅛
Boise Cascade	36⅞	37
Boston Scien	70½	71
Bristol Myrs Sq	85⅝	86⅜
Browning Ferris	37	37⅝
Brunswick	30½	30⅝
Burlington Nthn	95⅝	95⅛
CMS Energy Corp	35⅞	35⅞
CPC Intl	97⅝	97⅝
CSX	57⅝	57⅛
Campbell Soup	50⅛	49⅝
Carolina Pwr	35½	35⅞
Case Corp	66⅝	66
Caterpillar	55⅛	56½
Central & SW	21⅝	21⅛
Champion Intl	61⅝	61⅛
Chase Manhat	102⅞	101⅞
Chevron Corp	75⅝	75⅝
Chrysler	35⅝	35⅛
Chubb Corp	66⅞	66⅝
Cigna Corp	185⅛	185⅛
Citicorp	126⅝	128⅛
Clorox	127⅛	127⅛
Coastal Corp	55⅝	55⅛
Coca Cola	69⅝	69⅛
Coca Cola Ent	24⅛	23⅞
Colgate-Palm	70½	68⅝
Columbia Gas	69⅛	68⅛
ColumbiaHCA	38⅞	38⅞
Compaq Comp	128⅛	128⅛
Comp Ass Intl	64⅛	60
Conagra	67⅛	66⅝
Cons Edison	30⅝	30⅝
Cons Nat Gas	56⅜	56⅛
Cooper Inds	52⅝	52⅛
[illegible]	55	54⅛
Corning Inc	56½	56
C'wide Credit	31⅛	31⅞
Crestar Finl	42⅝	42⅛
Crown Cork	51⅛	50½
Dana Corp	37⅜	37⅞
Dayton Hudson	56⅛	55⅝
Deere	58⅝	57⅞
Delta Air Lines	82⅛	82
Deluxe Corp	35	35⅝
Digital Equip	39⅝	39⅝
Dillard Dept St	35⅜	35⅛
Disney (Walt)	77⅝	77⅛
Dominion Res	36⅛	36⅛
Donnelley (RR)	39	38⅝
Dover Corp	65½	65⅝
Dow Chemical	88⅝	89⅝
Dow Jones	41⅝	41⅝
Dresser	39⅞	39⅝
Duke Power	48⅛	48⅞
Dun & Bradstreet	27⅛	27½
Du Pont	62⅜	62⅞
Eastman Chem	61⅜	61⅛
Eastman Kodak	77⅛	77⅝
Eaton Corp	89⅛	89⅛

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Edison Intl	24⅛	24⅛
Elect Data Sys	45⅜	44⅞
Emerson Elec	54⅜	55
Engelhard Corp	22⅝	22
Enron Corp	38⅛	40⅛
Entergy	27½	27⅝
Ethyl Corp	9⅝	9⅛
Exxon	60½	60⅛
FMC Corp	80⅛	81½
FPL Group	46⅝	46⅝
Federal Express	57⅜	56⅝
Fifth Third Banc	89⅛	88⅝
First Bk Sys	89	89⅝
Fleet Finl Grp	64⅞	64⅝
Fluor Corp	55⅜	55⅞
Ford Motor	41⅝	41⅜
Fortune Brands	35⅝	35⅝
Franklin Res	75⅞	75⅜
GTE Corp	46⅝	46⅛
Gannett	104⅝	104⅝
Gap Inc Del	39⅜	40
Gen Dynamics	77⅛	77⅝
Gen Electric	70⅞	71
Gen Mills	67⅝	67½
Gen Motors	55	55⅜
Gen Reinsurance	190⅜	190⅜
Gen Signal	51⅛	51
Genuine Parts	34⅝	34⅝
Georgia Pac	94⅝	94⅛
Gillette	99⅛	99
Glaxo Wellc ADR	46⅛	46⅝
Goodrich (BF)	46⅝	46⅜
Goodyear Tire	62½	62⅝
Grt Atl Pac Tea	26⅛	26½
Halliburton	82⅞	82
Harcourt General	48⅜	48⅛
Heinz (HJ)	46⅝	46⅝
Hercules	52⅜	52⅝
Hershey Foods	58⅜	58⅝
Hewlett Packard	66⅜	65⅝
Hilton Hotels	28⅝	27⅛
Home Depot	46	45⅜
Homestake Mng	13⅝	13⅛
Honeywell	78⅞	80⅝
Household Intl	117⅝	116⅛
Houston Inds	21⅛	21⅞
Humana	23⅞	23½
ITT Corp	61⅞	62⅛
Ikon Office	26⅛	26⅝
Illinois Tool	52⅝	52⅜
Illinova	22⅛	22⅝
INCO	29⅞	29⅛
Ingersoll Rand	62⅜	62½
Inland Steel	25⅝	25⅞
Intel Corp	80½	78⅛
IBM	93⅞	95⅛
Intl Flav & Fr	49⅞	49⅛
Intl Paper	59⅝	59⅝
James River Va	41	40⅝
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	63⅛	62⅞
Kellogg	85⅜	86½
Kerr-McGee	63⅛	63
Kimberly-Clark	52	52⅝
Kmart	10⅞	11
Knight-Ridder	50	50
Lilly (Eli)	115⅞	116⅛
Limited Inc	20⅜	20⅜
Lincoln Nat	65½	65⅝
Litton	51⅝	53⅛
Liz Claiborne	47⅛	47
Lockheed Martin	103⅛	103⅛
Louisiana Pac	22⅝	22⅛
MCI Comm	36⅜	37⅝
Manpower Inc	46⅛	46⅛
Marriott Intl	65⅛	65½
Marsh & McLen	72⅛	72½
Masco Corp	42⅝	42⅝
May Dept St	51⅛	52
Maytag Corp	27½	27⅝
McDonalds	50⅛	50⅝
McDonnell D	73	72⅞
McGraw Hill	60⅝	60⅝
Mead Corp	69⅝	70⅛
Medtronic	91⅛	91⅞
Mellon BK	47⅝	47⅛
Merck Inc	100⅝	102⅝
Merrill Lynch	65⅛	63⅞
Microsoft	137⅛	135⅞
Minnesota Mine	103⅜	103½
Mobil Corp	72	71⅞
Monsanto	49½	49⅛
Morgan (JP)	107⅝	107⅛
Motorola Inc	85½	89½
Natl Semi	35⅛	35⅛
Natl Service Ind	50⅞	50⅞
Navistar Int	20	20
NY Times A	52⅛	52⅛
Newmont Mng	38⅛	38⅛
Niag Mohawk	9⅛	9⅝
Nike B	60⅛	60
NL Industries	14	14
Noram Energy	15⅝	15⅛
Nordstrom	53⅛	53⅛
Norfolk Sthrn	109⅛	110⅛
Nthn State Pwr	51⅛	51½
Norwest Corp	59⅜	59⅝
Nynex Corp	62⅛	59⅝
Occidental Pet	24½	24⅜
Ohio Edison	22⅝	22⅝
Oracle	53⅝	53⅛

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Oryx Energy Co	22	21⅞
Owens Corning	42⅛	42⅛
PPG Industries	60⅜	60⅛
PMI Group	62⅛	62⅛
PNC Bank	43⅜	43⅛
PP&L Res	19⅞	20
Paccar Inc	43⅜	43⅛
Pacificorp	23	22⅞
Pac Enterprises	34	33⅜
Pall Corp	24⅜	24⅛
Parker Hannifin	63⅜	63⅝
Peco Energy	22⅞	22⅞
Penney (JC)	55⅛	55⅜
Pennzoil	77⅝	76⅝
Pepsico	37⅞	37⅞
Pfizer	61	60⅝
Pharm & Upjhn	37⅝	37⅞
Phelps Dodge	84⅛	83⅛
Philip Morris	42⅝	42⅞
Phillips Pet	43⅛	43⅜
Pitney Bowes	72⅝	72⅛
Polaroid	56⅛	55⅜
Procter & Gmbl	149⅜	148⅞
Providian	35	34⅜
Pub Serv E & G	25⅜	25½
Quaker Oats	45⅛	45⅝
Ralston Purina	86⅜	86
Raychem Corp	75⅛	79⅝
Raytheon	54⅝	54⅜
Reebok Intl	46⅛	46⅝
Reynolds Metals	69⅞	70⅛
Rockwell Intl	60⅜	61⅝
Rohm & Haas	89⅛	89⅝
Royal Dutch	53⅝	54½
Rubbermaid	29⅛	29⅝
SBC Comms	59⅝	59⅝
Safeco Corp	47⅛	47⅛
St Paul's Cos	80⅜	80⅝
Sallie Mae	137⅝	134⅛
Salomon Inc	54⅝	55
Sara Lee Corp	44⅜	44½
Schering Plough	50⅛	50⅝
Schlumberger	71⅛	71⅜
Seagram	39⅝	39⅝
Sears Roebuck	55⅝	55
Shell Trans	42⅛	42⅜
Sherwin Wlms	33⅜	32⅝
Silicon Graphics	18⅝	17⅞
Snap-On-Tools	40⅝	40⅝
Southern Co	22⅝	22⅝
Southtrust	42⅛	42⅝
Sprint Corp	48⅛	50
Stanley Works	44⅜	44⅞
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Sun Microsys	41½	40⅝
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Times-Mirror A	57½	57
Timken	36⅝	35⅛
Torchmark	72⅛	73½
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Unilever NY	221⅞	222
Union Camp	55	55⅝
Union Carbide	51⅝	51⅝
Union Pacific	71⅝	71⅝
Unisys Corp	8⅝	8⅛
USF&G Corp	24⅝	24⅝
United Tech	85⅝	84⅛
Unocal Corp	39⅜	39⅛
VF Corp	86⅛	88⅝
Wal-Mart Stores	38⅛	37⅞
Warner-Lambert	140	143⅛
Waste Mngmt	30⅛	31⅛
Wells Fargo	268¾	269½
Westinghouse El	24	23⅝
Weyerhaeuser	56⅛	56⅛
Whirlpool	57⅝	57⅛
Whitman	25⅝	25⅝
Winn Dixie	39⅛	37⅝
Witco Corp	41⅛	40⅝
Woolworth	24⅛	24⅝
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	70⅝	70⅛
Xerox	83⅝	83⅛
Xilinx Inc	53⅛	51⅝

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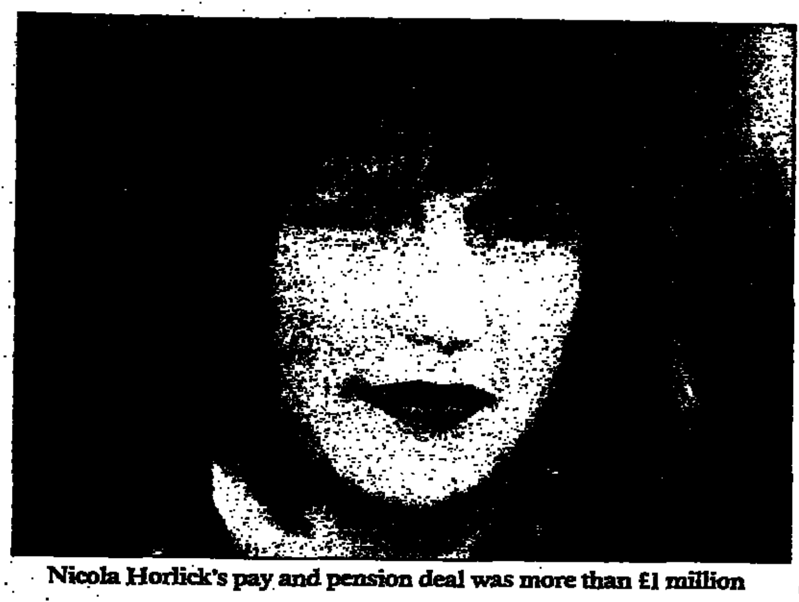
THE OFFICE OF FAIR TRADING INQUIRY INTO PENSIONS

Simple, low-cost, flexible DPP plan creates sensation of too little, too late

Caroline Merrell on an imperfect response to the so-called 'greatest financial scandal of this century'



Nicola Horlick's pay and pension deal was more than £1 million

Helen Liddell placed the blame firmly on the pensions industry

John Bridgeman saw the cause of the chaos in more complicated terms

The phrase too little, too late immediately comes to mind when reading the 511-page, three-volume report from the Office of Fair Trading.

Its analysis of the pensions market comes up with three conclusions that the Government and the life insurance industry have acknowledged for at least the past decade. However, the OFT spared the life insurance industry the brunt of the blame for the chaotic state of pensions, unlike Helen Liddell, Economic Secretary to the Treasury.

Instead, using curious algebraic formulae, the report concludes that the public finds pensions too complicated to understand. It reveals, not for the first time, that many pensions carry extortionate charges, and it points out that the products themselves are too inflexible. Their structure means that those who change jobs frequently, or women who take a career break to have a family, are severely disadvantaged. The report said that a worker who moved several times can find his or her pension up to 30 per cent lower than someone who stayed in the same scheme.

The OFT also attacked the pensions fund-management industry for failing to produce investment returns that were better than an investment in a tracking fund. The lucrative returns for those with the fund management industry were graphically illustrated last year when Nicola Horlick, in charge of pensions at Morgan Grenfell, was suspended in a row about poaching. Ms Horlick's entire pay package was estimated at more than £1 million. Her lucrative pay and pension deal contrasts sharply with the 90 per cent of people who retire on less than the maximum pension of two-thirds of final salary allowed by the Inland Revenue.

The contrast is even more marked when the average wage of around £18,000 is taken into account. What is more alarming is that 60 per cent of men, traditionally still the breadwinner, make less than this average, and one in four make no extra pension provision whatsoever.

To widen the appeal of pensions to the mass market, the report suggests the encouragement of simple, flexible, low-cost pensions based on index-tracking techniques. However, it holds back from suggesting that contributing to a pension scheme should be mandatory.

Later this week, the Government will announce a review of pensions, which is expected to take on board some of findings of the Office of Fair Trading. It faces a fundamental dilemma — can it entrust the pensions of the nation to the companies that, it feels, have presided "over the greatest financial scandal of this century"?

Just under a decade ago, in reaction to demographic trends that continue to threaten to destabilise state pension provision, the then Conservative Government decided to introduce personal pensions.

An ageing population meant that those not covered by company schemes could no longer rely on the state to provide adequate cover at retirement. For example, over the next couple of decades the value of the basic pension will fall — as a percentage of average earnings — to half what it is today.

The life insurance companies saw the handing over of pensions provisions to the private sector as a golden opportunity to relieve the public to the tune of £4 billion. Life insurance salesmen, earning hundreds of thousands of pounds in commission, encouraged miners, nurses and other public-sector workers to leave schemes with guaranteed benefits to take out plans where the charges in some cases meant that none of the policyholders' contributions were invested for up to four years.

In spite of the tremendous criticism from consumer bodies and the Government, the industry has failed to take the problem seriously, blaming compensation delays on administrative problems. Around 500,000 of the seven million people with personal pensions are believed to be affected by this problem. Some believe that the figure could be even higher.

The 20 million or so employees who have company schemes have not been immune to scandal either. Six years ago Robert Maxwell, the media tycoon, felt it within his powers to help himself to around £400 million of pension money to try to prop up his ailing empire. In the aftermath, the Government introduced tougher rules governing pension scheme assets, the costs of which are pushing more companies to scrap the guaranteed benefits offered by some pensions. Instead, the pensions of millions of employees will now be based on contributions — in a similar way to personal pensions.

The Government is not immune to criticism in its handling of pensions. In what was described as a multibillion-pound raid in the last Budget, Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, scrapped tax relief on pension fund dividends, raising around £5 billion a year. The cost to those in company schemes is expected to be around £190 annually, while those with personal pensions could be looking at a cut of around 15 per cent in total returns.

The National Association of Pensions Funds (NAPF) believes that the change could cost a total of £75 billion. However, others claim that it will just result in a different valuation basis for company pension schemes. Changes to the investment strategies of pensions will further limit the impact.

Yesterday, John Bridgeman, Director-General of Fair Trading, proposed a new type of personal pension called a Designated Personal Pension (DPP), which would avoid some of the current weaknesses. He called on ministers to include the DPP in future pensions policy. DPPs would work on the basis of collective investment rather than everyone having their own individual pension "pot". In response to concerns about high pension plan charges, DPPs would only be allowed to charge a fixed fee. A worker who decided to opt for a DPP would be entitled to a contribution to it from his or her employer. "DPPs would provide a secure and economic way of providing for retirement," said Mr Bridgeman.

The Government now has the difficult task of maximising pensions for those who are already in work, as well as finding a long-term solution for future generations. They must do this in a way that will not lead to the industry exploiting the public for a second time.

Man and machine battle for supremacy

Martin Waller on whether index-tracking fund management is better than the personal touch

The battle is between man and machine; the outcome could mean the loss of thousands of highly paid jobs. The argument is between active and passive fund management. For years, the men and women who have charge of the nation's pensions have adopted an active role and rewarded themselves handsomely for the risks they have taken with other people's money.

This meant scrutinising every single share that makes up their individual funds. Rigorous analysis, using research techniques evolved in the higher branches of mathematics, are used. They show, in excruciating detail, why such and such a share should be bought or sold.

In addition, there is the personal touch. Fund managers are on first-name terms with executives at the companies whose shares they hold. Information passes to the market, sometimes in ways that skirt the insider trading laws.

So managers actively trade the shares in their portfolios, selling this stock on a profit warning, buying that on an upgrade of this year's profits forecast. It is an expensive approach. The skills required drive salaries high — Nicola Horlick, the £1 million-a-year "superwoman" at Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, was not exceptional. There are also the endless dealing costs.

In recent years a more passive approach has gained ground. Why not just buy a selection of all the stocks on the market, spreading the risk of individual share price collapses but gaining from the market's apparently unstoppable rise? A simple computer program will ensure a representative holding of, for example, the FTSE 100 index or any other index. The fund merely tracks the market.

The advantages are cost and, possibly, a more even return over a number of years. Those six-figure salaries need not be paid and there are fewer dealing costs. And individual fund managers have good years and bad ones. The decision by PDFM, a typical active fund, to scale down equity holdings in favour of cash in 1995 has made the fund manager one of the worst performers since then.

There are more sophisticated forms of passive fund management. So-called quantitative management uses a number of different measures to decide in which shares to invest. But this is still an objective process, the computer programs themselves throwing up the chosen investments, rather than a subjective one of individual stock-picking.

In 1995, according to the National Association of Pension Funds, a fifth of all pension schemes used indexed methods, at least in part. The figure for the public sector, which prefers a secured, safe return, is a third. The unanswered question is whether tracker funds outperform actively managed funds over a long period. Active funds have certainly performed best over the past couple of years, in part for technical reasons to do with the number of partial stock market flotations, which disadvantage the trackers.

Paul Klumpes, of Lancaster University, in a paper for the OFT, admits that the evidence is contradictory. But he says the main arguments "imply that it will be difficult for active investment managers to consistently outperform passive funds, especially when the effects of fees and transaction costs are accounted for".

Passive analysis has plenty of critics in the City. Aside from the potential job losses, there is disquiet over the notion of turning over fund management to impersonal "black boxes". The 1987 stock market crash was made more vertiginous by the number of computerised trading systems on Wall Street that were hard to turn off once they had started to sell.

The head of one City investment house, which had long shunned the shares of a particular company but had just bought a parcel of stock, was then phoned by its chief executive, who congratulated him on his decision to start investing again. "Nothing to do with human intelligence, old boy — it was only the black box," he replied.

America provides possible savings solution

BY ANNE ASHWORTH

IN THE past few years British politicians have searched the globe for a model for pension provision. The Tories were most impressed with the Chilean system. Labour has examined not only the Chilean plan but also arrangements in Argentina and Singapore.

But to date no minister has extolled the virtues of the 401(k), America's answer to the universal pension conundrum: how to limit pension costs for employers while giving employees flexibility, and the hope of a decent income in retirement.

Employees save tax-free in 401(k) plans, which take their name from a section of the US tax code. They are comparable to UK money-purchase company schemes but differ in many important aspects, including investment choice. Employers match their workers' contributions up to a certain level but do not guarantee the benefits payable, so reducing their expenditure. At larger companies, 401(k) plans will often supplement defined benefit schemes, with guaranteed payouts.

Employees changing jobs can take their pensions to a new company. They will also soon be enjoying extra protection from plundering bosses in legislation planned by the Clinton Administration. Employees can choose between a range of bond, index and equity funds.

The explosive growth of the 401(k) has proved a boon not only for the mutual funds industry (the US equivalent of the unit trust sector) but also for the stock market. The regular flow of funds into 401(k) plans has powered the upsurge of the Dow Jones industrial average.

However, some 401(k) plan holders fight shy of equities, one drawback of the system. Jessica Mann, of the global asset team at Watson Wyatt, the actuaries, explains: "There are 30-year-olds with half of their money in cash and bonds, as they do not see that the highest growth long term will come from equities."

Some believe the simplicity of the 401(k), which has encouraged Americans to increase their retirement savings, make it the pension paradigm Britain should copy. Others say the cost of the changeover would be prohibitive.

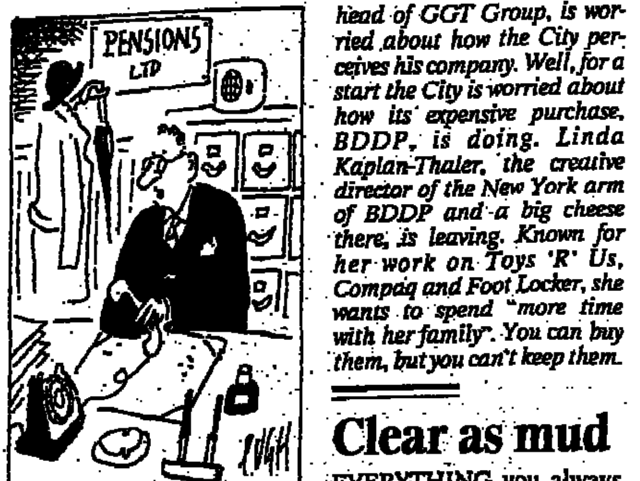
Clinton: pension legislation

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Flame flickers

THE ghost of Howard Hodgson still hovers over Ronson, the lighter manufacturer he was thrown out of six weeks ago. He is refusing to speak to me, but I hear he has approached an offshore fund that holds almost 18 per cent of the company and offered to buy the stake at twice the market price, in order to call an extraordinary meeting to have his tormentors thrown out in their turn.

The stake is held by Albion Consolidated. He received a dusty reply. The ever-optimistic Hodgson had the backing of a big Hong Kong concern. The funds paid 25p a share last year and were offered 27p, against a price last night of 14½p. With access to fresh funds, he planned to come back as chief executive of a company he is still besotted with and revive its fortunes. Alas, a slight miscalculation. It was the misnamed Albion, based in the Middle East, that was most offended by his live-in relationship with Christine Pickles, the former acting finance director. This may even have influenced the decision to refuse his offer.



"It's Albert Einstein. Can someone explain his pension policy to him again?"

● *MIKE GREENLEES, the head of GGT Group, is worried about how the City perceives his company. Well, for a start the City is worried about how its expensive purchase, BDDP, is doing. Linda Kaplan-Thaler, the creative director of the New York arm of BDDP and a big cheese there, is leaving. Known for her work on Toys 'R' Us, Compaq and Foot Locker, she wants to spend "more time with her family". You can buy them, but you can't keep them.*

Clear as mud

EVERYTHING you always wanted to know about pensions but were too befuddled to ask. The Office of Fair Trading's three-volume study into the subject decided that pension products have been marketed in an "unnecessarily complex way" which has confused the simple consumer. Absolutely. To make things easier, I have reproduced a section of the report dealing with the loss caused by frequent job changes:

$$PL_{DP} = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{N} \lambda(t_k)\,[t_k - t_{k-1}]}{t_N - t_0}$$

Any questions? No. I didn't think there would be.

Deep pile

NICHOLAS JEFFREY, who is "retiring" as executive deputy chairman of H&C Furnishings, the furniture business that last year brought together Sir Harry Solomon of Hillsdown fame and carpet king Lord Harris of Peckham, has knocked together a handsome leaving present. He is picking up £1.3 million on the way out of the door. Half is for shrinking his former five-year contract back to two years; this cash has already been paid. The rest is a payoff for ending that contract but agreeing to stick around as a non-executive director.

● *A MINI-CONSUMER boom is being planned at the Personal Investment Authority. There is talk of exotic holiday brochures being passed from hand to hand and much excited scanning of the property pages. The reason is the creation of the planned "super-SIB", the umbrella body that will encompass the PIA, the Securities and Investments Board and all that other spilt Scrabble board of regulatory organisations, plus some of the Bank of England's policing duties.*

It seems that, for purely historical reasons, the PIA staff have always earned rather less than their SIB counterparts. This is because they have tended to be drawn from the ranks of the personal finance world rather than from banking, and personal finance people have never been paid as much as bankers. The dream is that when the two are united, pay scales will have to be brought in line — and the SIB people are not going to accept a cut.

Bearing up

BOB AYLING, of BA, on how he copes with the pressure of being Britain's most hated boss: "I wake up in the morning thinking I had better get a cup of tea for my wife. That's my first job. Then I think about whether the children have eaten all the fruit, and whether there's any left for me.

"And then I think about *Farming Today* — I've learned more about farming in Britain over the last 10 years than I ever knew before. And then I start thinking about what the day's got in store. And then I start thinking about getting to work."

MARTIN WALLER

Lord Harris of Peckham: £1.3 million parting shot for H&C deputy chairman

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Brit Frdmits Acc	133.50	142.10	+ 1.10	4.38
Brit Frdmits Inc	88.08	93.71	+ 0.69	4.38
Global Opps	114.20	121.50	+ 0.20	..
Balanced Acc	71.54	76.11	+ 0.43	2.00
Balanced Inc	66.12	70.35	+ 0.41	2.00
Japan Acc	43.86	46.67	- 0.13	
Pac Basin Acc	395.30	420.60	- 8.90	0.88
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
0345 717 373				
Gilts & Fixed Int	135.90	143.80	- 0.70	6.38
High Inc Equity	209.10	220.60†	+ 1.80	4.34
Worldwide Bond	264.80	280.60	- 1.40	3.66
American Growth	482.50	515.10	- 0.20	0.32
Asian Pacific	341.10	364.80	+ 1.80	0.38
Assets & Earnings	326.30	349.00	+ 1.70	2.68
Euro Capital Acc	232.80	249.00	- 0.90	0.80
Extra Inc	43.97	46.78†	+ 0.08	8.40
General	303.30	322.70	+ 1.80	2.85
Global Opps	81.40	86.60	- 0.27	0.46
Japan	103.00	110.20	- 0.70	
Managed Inc	51.30	54.57†	+ 0.06	4.12
Mastertrust	190.30	203.50	+ 0.20	1.09
US Emerging Cos	199.30	213.20	+ 3.70	.
Ethical	85.12	90.55†	+ 0.21	2.02
International	152.30	162.00	- 0.10	0.54
Dividend & Growth	77.20	82.13†	+ 0.60	4.09
Global Gwth & Sec	76.93	82.14	+ 0.04	2.48
Latin America	96.54	102.70	- 1.20	0.38
Capital Reserve	149.50	149.60	+ 0.10	4.67
ABBEY NATIONAL UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0141 275 8500				
N&P UK Growth	105.70	112.40†	+ 1.40	2.06
Equity Income	150.20	159.70	+ 1.80	4.15
Extra Income	288.90	307.00	+ 2.00	5.72
Smaller Cos	104.90	111.50	- 0.30	1.72
International	130.40	138.70	+ 0.40	1.36
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	2367.00	2471.00		.
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	73.55	78.47	+ 0.47	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Pacific Portfolio	158.38	178.28	- 0.19	0.78
UK Equity	109.73	116.64	+ 1.32	2.90
UK Equity & Bd	63.47	67.28	+ 0.35	5.29
UK Smlr Cos	51.81	55.42	+ 0.03	1.70
CBF CHURCH OF ENGLAND FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fd Inc	877.17	890.43		3.89
Inv Fd Acc	888.45	901.87	.	
Fxd Int Sec Inc	160.08	160.72	...	8.90
Fxd Int Sec Acc	163.73	164.39		
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	864.45	877.51	.	3.97
Investment Acc	4117.24	4179.46		
Fixed Int Inc	129.12	129.64	.	6.86
Fixed Int Acc	251.05	252.05		.
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	89.44	94.27	...	5.31
Beck Bio-Tech	37.04	40.21†		
Acorn Ethical Tst	194.79	204.55†	.	0.45
City Fin Assets	85.03	89.29	...	1.86
City Fin Intl	94.24	98.95		0.06
Fronts Hse Cap	334.11	356.44†		2.23
Buckley Wrld Grth	152.25	161.38		.
Stone Utilities	75.73	77.26	+ 1.16	4.50
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	64.93	68.89	+ 0.18	.
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0345 772 239				
American Gwth	92.48	98.38	+ 0.30	
Dragon Growth	72.95	78.02	- 0.32	0.26
Equity High Inc	106.56	112.76	+ 1.28	3.36
-do- Accum	157.85	167.03	+ 1.90	3.36
Extra Income Inc	27.57	29.02†	- 0.11	6.55
Extra Income Acc	31.63	33.29	- 0.13	6.55
European Gwth	78.56	83.13	- 0.67	0.14
Evergreen	33.41	35.73	+ 0.07	.
General Equity	174.51	181.41	+ 1.64	2.47
Japan Growth	44.57	47.42	- 0.13	.
Pedigree Gwth	72.85	77.08	+ 0.89	2.01
Ped Sm Cos Inc	38.78	41.04	- 0.04	1.38
-do- Accum	41.54	43.96	- 0.04	1.38
Retirement Inc #	31.87	33.84	+ 0.31	5.42
Special Sits	52.16	56.09	+ 0.42	2.62
UK & Overseas	69.61	73.66	+ 0.36	0.47
COLONIAL UNIT TRUSTS (UK) LTD				
01634 890 000				
Balanced	78.87	81.32	+ 0.44	3.80
Capital	95.04	99.99	+ 0.76	2.22
High Income	54.54	56.81	- 0.25	6.51
Top 50	69.32	71.16	+ 0.78	2.26

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
New Japan	84.98	89.75	- 0.72	..
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
World Health	197.38	209.80†	- 1.00	..
Income #	242.72	258.21†	+ 0.81	4.02
UK Growth	93.10	99.04†	+ 0.12	1.87
Intl Growth	96.46	102.61	+ 0.48	0.56
Ecology	109.27	116.24	+ 0.27	0.75
European	237.28	252.42†	- 0.14	0.20
Far Eastern	336.58	358.06†	- 0.05	
UK Special Sits	60.70	64.74	- 0.05	0.37
Fd of Inv Tsts	59.86	63.85	+ 0.23	0.53
High Income #	56.44	60.30	+ 0.33	4.65
Financial Opps	49.20	52.47	+ 0.24	..

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	212.10	224.30	+ 1.40	4.85
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	123.77	131.67	- 0.11	0.19
Intl Bond	60.51	63.56	- 0.17	3.89
Intl Equity Growth	96.47	102.47	+ 0.13	0.40
N Amer Growth	162.65	172.55	+ 0.21	0.58
Special Sits Growth	32.15	34.20	+ 0.22	2.05
UK Growth	535.43	569.60	+ 4.57	2.47
-do- Accum	746.87	794.54	+ 6.37	2.47
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01628 825067				
Balanced Fd #	1543.50	1565.00	.	2.70
Income #	1120.60	1137.80†	..	4.30

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealers: 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Bond Income	104.70	109.20†	- 0.40	6.56
Euro Prtr Inc	120.60	127.70†	+ 0.40	2.75
-do- Accum	120.20	127.90†	+ 0.20	2.75
Gilt Yield	122.50	129.20†	- 0.30	6.26
Global Income	255.50	271.80	+ 1.30	2.95
High Yield	192.00	204.30†	+ 2.80	4.58
-do- Accum	653.90	695.60†	+ 9.60	4.56
Money Market	100.47	100.47†	+ 0.01	5.07
Smlr Cos Div	63.75	67.82	+ 0.14	3.82
Tomorrows Co Ex Acc	1125.60	1143.00†	+14.00	
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	180.50	192.00	+ 1.60	..
Asian Growth	316.50	336.70	+ 0.50	..
-do- Accum	371.90	395.60	+ 0.50	.
North American	131.50	139.80†	+ 1.20	
European Special	150.80	160.40†	- 0.80	1.04

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	185.60	189.80†		3.60
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
0800 363432				
High Inc #	100.80	103.90		6.20
M & S Inv Ptflo	198.90	205.70†	+ 1.10	2.27
-do- Accum	242.20	249.70†	+ 1.30	2.27
UK Sel Ptflo	184.20	189.90†	+ 1.90	2.20
-do- Accum	226.60	233.60†	+ 2.30	2.20
UK 100 Cos	145.40	145.40	+ 1.70	2.30
-do- Accum	149.00	149.00	+ 1.70	2.30
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 384 842				
Managed Tst	73.06	77.72	..	3.07
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4845				
Intl Income	95.90	101.80†	+ 0.50	3.40

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Prices continue to be squeezed higher

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
469	407½	Allied Domecq†	456	+4	5.9	13.7
628	472½	Bulmer (HP)	475	...	3.6	14.1
73½	44	Burn-Stewart	45	...	9.4	11.2
1048	865	Glenmorangie 'A'†	972½		1.7	34.0
628½	425½	Grand Met	608	-8½	3.4	19.3
620½	424	Guinness	606	-8	3.3	17.3
380	321½	Highland Dist	331		3.2	15.9
338	235	Matthew Clark	241	-½	12.4	11.5
109½	52½	[illegible]	68½		5.7	
1878½	1462½	SA Breweries	1843½	+12½	2.0	...

BANKS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1178½	918½	ABN-AMRO	1087½	+3¼	2.8	...
971	710	Abbey Nat	856½	-2	3.8	15.2
855	532½	Alliance & Leic	619½	-1½	3.3	15.2
504½	398½	Allied Irish	504½	+6	3.8	14.3
451½	353½	Aus New Z	428¾	-4¼	4.4	...
4158½	2875	Bank America	3933¼	+8¼	...	...
438	291½	Bank Scotland	428½	+4	2.4	13.1
1303½	978½	Barclays	1252½	+18½	3.1	12.7
725	517½	Bk of Ireland	720½	+½	2.8	...
7890½	6008½	Citicorp	7589¼	-71¾	...	...
1759½	1288½	Commerzbk	1609½	+6¼	2.8	...
862½	559½	Dai Ichi Kan Y	769¾	-12½	0.6	...
3659½	2709½	Deutsche Bk	3549½	+9½	1.7	...
1131½	759½	Espirito Santo	1106¼	+6¼	3.2	...
947½	594½	Fuji Bank Y	822¼	-28¼	0.5	...
2089½	1272½	HSBC	2088	+85½	2.5	18.1
2001½	1241	HSBC HK	1986½	+84½	2.8	17.3
783	714	Halifax	758½		2.5	22.6
810	493½	Irish Perm	580	...	2.8	...
705	424	Lloyds TSB	697½	+22½	2.4	22.8
898½	559½	Nat Aust Bk	843	-12¼	4.6	12.0
699½	563½	Nat West	653	-5½	4.2	12.8
663½	508	Ryl Bk Scot†	634	+24	3.8	13.7
1048	681	Stand Chart	1000¼	+27	1.8	17.9
£164½	£164½	Wells Fargo	£164½	...	1.9	...
374¼	315½	Westpac	337¼	-9	4.3	...
373½	281½	Woolwich	298	-1½	3.3	17.9

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
979½	717½	Bass†	850	+22	3.8	16.9
68¼	43½	[illegible]	45	...	5.6	...
205	144½	Burtonwd Brw	146		4.8	13.1
155½	123	City Centre Rest	127	+1	2.5	21.1
744½	595	Compass Gp	614½	+17	1.8	22.5
305	250	Eldridge P 'A'†	289		2.4	15.9
485	435	Fuller Smi 'A'	442½		2.8	...
586	422½	Greenalls Grp	487½	-1	4.2	11.6
750	642	Greene King†	712½	+11	2.8	...
237½	164½	Grosvenor Inns	174½		4.4	16.9
285	218½	Groupe Chez Ger	274½	+13½	1.9	28.9
298½	261	Hardy Hanson†	268½		5.1	11.9
2850	2700	Holt J	2762½	...	2.7	16.3
79	63½	Inn Business	68½	+1½	3.1	10.5
357	332	Mansfield†	337½		2.6	...
315½	252	Mrston Thmp†	275	+1	3.6	...
615	515	Morland†	517½	...	3.1	13.3
265½	210	Old Eng Pub	255½	...	1.8	32.9
47½	28½	Paramount	30½			
620½	527½	PizzaExpress	619½	-9½	0.8	41.4
437½	387½	[illegible]	377½		1.7	38.4

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BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

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BUILDING MATERIALS

[illegible]

CHEMICALS

[illegible]

DISTRIBUTORS

[illegible]

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
465½	387½	Electrocomponents†	438½	+8½	2.2	24.7
228½	130½	Eurodis Elec	131½	-1	4.7	18.7
97½	76½	European Mtr	90	...	8.1	7.3
268	213	Evans Halshaw	227½	...	9.1	...
53½	39½	Fife Indmar	39½		10.4	7.9
387½	310½	Finelist Gp	319½	-½	2.6	16.2
34½	25½	[illegible]	28¼	...	4.8	9.6
79½	57½	[illegible]	65		2.8	12.7
110	82½	[illegible]	95	+½	3.9	21.8
15½	11	HR Owen	13½		8.0	12.4
408	20½	[illegible]	28		27.2	2.8
257½	232½	Harris (Philip)†	239½		5.2	9.2
330½	284½	Headlam	308½		2.3	20.4
180	145	Holders Tech	160	...	5.1	14.6
249½	185½	ISA Intl	186½		1.9	15.1
309½	240½	Inchcape	289½	+3	4.5	17.7
72	49½	Jacks (Wm)	65½	...	4.3	10.1
275	214½	Kwik-Fit	268½	+12½	2.5	18.4
399½	316½	Lex Service	392½	+9	6.2	12.6
122	100	Lookers	107		6.6	7.5
8	5½	Middlesex	7¼	+¼	1.6	...
47½	10½	Midsummer†	16	...	3.8	3.3
472	180	Norbain†	255	+14	4.2	...
169½	114½	Northamber	133	-4	1.3	7.9
352½	308½	Partco	328½	-2	3.9	17.2
404½	342½	Pendragon	359½	-1	3.5	16.5
223½	185½	Perry Gp	188½	...	6.0	8.8
751	448	Premier Farnell	484½	+3	3.2	17.2
152½	124½	Quicks Group	136½	-4	6.4	9.2
357	307½	[illegible]	350	...	1.4	43.1
2½	1½	[illegible]	2	...	...	22.8
28	12½	Ronson	14½	...	2.2	...
4	2	Ross Gp	2			
109½	78½	[illegible]	86½	...	5.8	15.5
38	24	SEP Intl	32½	-¼	8.0	14.8
62½	35	[illegible]	37½	-1	4.0	...
415½	284½	Time Products†	298	-17½	5.2	11.1
337	228	[illegible]	314	...	2.2	20.4
77½	58	United Carriers Gp	78½	-½	...	16.6
352½	280½	Vardy (Reg)	288½	-2	3.4	...
885	458½	[illegible]	885	...	2.5	24.1
41	28½	Wilshaw	30½		3.5	
172½	114½	Wyko	114½	-3	2.9	13.4
154½	119½	Young (H)	142	+½	3.8	12.1

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
492½	327½	Antofagasta	440	...	1.5	23.2
328	238	Ascot Hldgs	238½		2.7	30.8
917	790	Broken Hill	803½	-4	2.8	19.9
289	180½	BTR	197½	-1	6.1	8.5
601½	452	BAT	550	+5	5.9	11.8
80½	53½	Brierley Inv	63¼	-¼	8.9	8.7
265	182	Cookson	204¼	+10	5.3	12.8
228½	189½	[illegible]	202½	...	8.5	8.5
389½	239½	DCC	389½		2.4	13.8
312½	208	Gallaher	281½	+1	9.2	18.0
141	115½	Grampian Hldgs	130	+5	5.8	11.3
140½	101½	Harrisons Crsfld	115½	-1	9.7	10.9
520½	423½	Hutch Whamp	510½	+2¼	1.9	21.7
438½	382	Imperial Tob	383½	-1	8.9	7.3
585½	331	Jardine Math	428½	+1½	3.5	...
158½	121	Lonrho	128½	...	4.8	12.9
175½	141½	McLeod Russel†	142	...	8.0	11.3
457½	368½	Powell Duffryn†	385	+½	7.9	11.2
145	113½	[illegible]	145		3.0	...
197½	153½	[illegible]	174	...	6.5	15.1

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ELECTRONIC & ELECT

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ENGINEERING

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INSURANCE

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1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
227½	106½	Six Hundred†	109½	+1	5.7	2.5
832½	708½	Smiths Ind	728½	-1	2.9	17.7
737½	595	Spirax-Sarco	597½	+1½	3.1	15.7
303½	243½	Sterling Indt	243½	-5½	5.1	11.8
594½	450	TI	492½	+3	3.7	16.4
116½	101½	[illegible]	111½	..	7.1	
120½	92½	TransTec	92½		3.2	13.1
206½	144½	Triplex Lloyd†	169½		5.5	...
220½	150½	Unicorn Intl	217½		3.6	
77½	48½	Utd Inds	51½	+½	5.8	14.9
279½	178	Vickers	170	-1½	5.3	10.2
10½	8½	Villiers Grp	10	...	...	
712½	515	[illegible]	517½	-2½	2.9	9.4
952	745	Vosper Thycrft	746		4.4	12.0
350	213½	Wagon Ind	222½		6.9	11.7
263½	203½	Weir	227	+2½	4.4	13.0
289½	212½	Wellington Hdg	212½	...	4.8	12.5
33	23	Wellman	29½	...	8.3	8.8
61½	45½	Wescol	52	-½	2.6	17.3
583	525	Whatman	655½		2.5	19.8
65½	30½	Widney	31½	...	14.3	

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
140	98	Adwest	99	..	9.8	13.9
187	180	Airflow Streamt	180	...	5.6	11.4
757	602	Avon Rubber†	602½	-2½	4.1	12.5
285	227½	[illegible]	275		3.2	11.4
107½	95	Britax	101¼	-½	4.3	14.0
782	657½	First Tech	734		1.6	21.8
1084½	907	GKN	1006½	-6	3.3	...
3653½	3265½	General Mtr	3284½	+12½	3.6	...
583½	416½	[illegible]	448	+8	4.2	10.6
2051	1540½	Honda Motor	1831½	-½	0.4	...
413½	312½	Laird	331	+13	4.9	9.5
228	180	LucasVarity	182½	...	3.5	19.4
185½	131	Mayflower	146	+5	1.9	27.5
172½	127½	Syltone	147½	...	5.6	...
179	123	T & N	144	+3	5.2	

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FOOD MANUFACTURERS

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HOUSEHOLD GOODS

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INVESTMENT TRUSTS

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1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
32½	24	Edinburgh Inca	31½	-½		
392½	343½	Edinburgh IT	392	+4½	3.4	31.2
134	102½	Edin Japan	125½			
417½	312	Edin US Tk	409½	-1	1.7	70.1
502	470½	Electra Inv†	463½	-2	2.4	43.4
276	86½	English Nat	265	+6	0.2	...
156½	144½	Eng & Scot	155½	+½	2.4	40.4
406½	372	European Asset	392½	+1	1.2	
108½	92½	Fidelity Asian Val	101¼	-½		
275½	216½	Fidelity Euro Val	273	-½	0.2	
50	36	Fidelity Jap Val	46	-½	...	
136½	123	Fidelity Spec Val	124½	-½	...	
226½	205½	Finsbury A	216½	..	2.3	58.0
214	162½	Five Arr Chile	204½	-½	1.5	
31½	21	Five Arr Wts	30½	-½	...	
484	375½	Fleming Amer	477½	-1½	0.7	
88	66	Fleming Chinese	84½	-1½	0.7	
34	24	Fleming Ch Wts	29½	+½		
352½	280½	Fleming Claver	340½	+2½	2.4	44.5
474	387	Fleming Contl	473½	+1	1.1	
149	113	Fleming Em Mkts	144½	-3½	0.2	
253	227½	Fleming Ent	237½	+½	2.8	30.1
295½	253½	Fleming F East†	290	-½	1.4	
423½	386	Fleming Fledg	387½		0.6	
110½	103	Fleming Hig Inc	104½		11.3	10.8
201½	117	Fleming Ing Cap	201	+6		
60	43½	Fleming Indian	57½			
22	15	Fleming In Wts	17½			
214½	157½	Fleming Japan	202	-1½		
384½	335½	Fleming Mercl	341½	+2	3.3	31.1
114½	94½	Fleming Nat Res	94½	-½	0.7	
381½	321½	Fleming Oseas	377		1.5	77.5
160½	139½	Fleming Smlr Co	142½		3.9	30.0
170½	147½	Foreign & Col	170½	+1½	1.7	58.5
97½	90½	F&C Inc Gwth	92½	+½	4.8	25.7
119½	85	F&C Emg Mkts	116½	-3		
149½	123	F&C Enterprise	145½		2.1	48.7
354½	295½	F&C Eurotst	354	+1	0.5	
160	133½	F&C German	159½		0.5	
178	145½	F&C Pacific	159½	-1	1.4	76.1
149½	139½	F&C PEP	139½	-½	3.8	32.0
185½	168½	F&C Smaller	171½	-½	1.9	50.2
156½	122½	F&C US Smlr	139½	+½		
62½	53	Framlin Inc†	55		11.7	10.4

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1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
104½	80½	J Fry 2nd Ut	102	+3	9.1	13.8
105½	82½	J Fry Euro U	103½	+½	5.4	16.6
165½	119	JF Fledg Jap	154	-1		
110½	92½	Jupiter Ex Inc	100½	+½	9.8	9.8
14½	3½	Jupiter Ex IncWt	9	...	...	...
86	76½	Jupiter Grd Cap	82		11.9	10.1
37	31	Jupiter Grd Pld	37	+1		
139	120½	Jupiter Intl Gth	139	+1	3.5	
375	293	Klnwt Chrl	374½	+5	2.0	55.8
116½	98½	Klnwt E Mkt	111½	-2	...	
170½	153½	Klnwt End	167½	..		
109	74	Klnwt H Inc	99½		12.8	10.5
383½	261	Klnwt O'seas	332½	+1½	1.5	64.4
188½	163½	Klnwt Smlr	164	-2	2.7	43.8
387	264½	Korea—Euro	340½	-3	0.4	
157½	98½	Latin American	152½	-4		
1123½	902½	Law Debenture	1122½	+14	2.8	34.0
115½	103½	Lille Oil Opp	114			..
133	113½	Lloyds Sm Cap	113½	-1½		
25½	17½	Lloyds Sm Dw	19½		26.3	4.8
158½	132	Lloyds Sm Pkg	132	-2	3.9	
168½	159½	Lon St Lawrence	165½		4.7	26.7
325½	292½	Lowland	297	+1	4.8	23.1
735	635	M&G 2nd Dual Cp	722½	+5		

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1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
180½	158½	Murg Gen Inc	165½	+½	4.7	26.3
74	59½	Murg Wts	67½	-½	...	
96	68	Murg Lat Amer	91	-4½	0.5	
38	21½	Murg Wts	34½	-1½		
130½	110½	Murray Ent	123	-½	3.0	35.9
21½	14½	Murray Ent Wts	15½		...	
85½	71	Murray Emg Eco	81½	-2	0.6	
21½	14½	Murray Em Ec Wt	18½			
84	65½	Murray Euro†	83½		0.7	...
412½	364	Murray Incme†	410½	+3½	4.2	30.4
463	401½	Murray Intl	455½	+3½	3.7	31.5
301	192½	Murray S/C DP	209½			
235½	163½	Murray S/C Cap	232½	+3½		
73½	57½	Murray S/C Inc	64	-½	24.2	4.9

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3850	3150	Murray S/C Uts	3750		4.0	..
485½	419	Murray Small	461½	-½	1.6	
406½	327	Murray Vent	406½	-2½	4.6	22.7
5½	5½	Newmarket	5½			
447½	353½	O'seas Inv Tst	440		1.1	
249	156½	O'seas Wts	247½			
126	97½	Pacific Assets	100½	-1	0.5	
118½	98	Pery Inc Gth	112½	+1	3.8	..
56	41	Perpetual Jap	51½	-1½		
368½	295½	Perpt UK Sm Co	295½	-2	4.1	26.4
£152½	£128½	Personal Assets	£151½		1.9	49.8
134½	113½	Prolific Inc	123½	+½	4.8	28.3
265	229	RIT Cap Ptnr	254		0.9	77.9
569½	475½	Robeco	552	+1½	2.0	
577½	497	Rolinco†	533½	+1½	1.0	
108½	87	Schrd Asia Pac	88	-½	0.3	
95½	79	Schrod Emg Ctl	93½	-2½		
140	117½	Schrod Inc Gwth†	139½	+1½	4.0	36.5
75½	51	Schrod Jap Gwth	73½	-½		
512½	410	Schrod Korea	507½	+4		
29	19½	Schrod Split Cap	26			
115½	102½	Schrod Split Inc	108	+1½	9.7	13.2
148½	142½	Schrod Split Zero	148½	+½		
143½	126½	Schrod UK Gwth†	143½	-2½	2.9	
301½	166½	Schrod Vent Ltd	168			
317	273½	Scottis	317	-2	2.4	51.8
185	169½	Scot American	184½	+½	3.5	36.9
311½	231½	Scot Asian	237	+½		
119½	99½	Scot Eastern	119½	+1½	2.0	47.4
320½	275½	Scot Mtge	315½	+1	2.0	46.8
101	93	Scot Natl Tst	99½	-½	10.6	11.6
136½	117½	Scot Value	125		2.0	61.8
2187½	1960	Second Alliance	2185	-29	2.8	43.0
113½	95½	Secs Tst of Scot	113	+½	4.1	31.4
156½	133½	Shires Smlr	144	+½	5.3	23.2
138½	127½	Smaller Coz	126½	-½	3.2	
385	353	St Andrew Inv	354		3.4	36.7
429½	377½	Temple Bar	428½	-3	4.7	24.4
87½	74½	Throgmorton	75½	-½	3.8	35.9
163	131	Tpltn Emg Mkt	158½	-4	0.8	
210½	179½	TR City Of Lon	210½	+1½	3.8	
177½	133	TR Euro Growth	176½		1.3	
182½	160½	TR Far East	173½		4.9	26.2
119½	105½	TR Pacific	114	-1½	0.3	

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LEISURE & HOTELS

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1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
231	167½	Macdonald Hots†	170½	-2	3.3	
733½	572½	Man Utd	662½	+11½	1.0	30.2
91	67½	Mandarin Ornt	74½	+¼	5.0	
412½	347½	Millennium & Cop	372½		1.6	15.7
144½	113½	Newcastle Utd	121½	-3½	1.6	
280	191½	Northern	254	-1	2.6	22.6
188½	117½	Prism Leisure	167½		5.5	
38	29½	Queensborough	31		1.2	12.1
18½	12½	Queens Moat	15			10.0
458½	349	Rank Grp	350½	-17	6.1	27.9
53½	40½	Ryan Hotels I£†	52½		4.2	11.0
1600	1400	Savoy Hotel 'A'	1412½		1.5	
111½	39½	Sheffield United	46½			
260½	184½	Sinclair (Wm)	231½	-1	4.4	13.2
153½	47	Southampton	97½		7.3	
110½	95½	Stakis	107	+3	2.7	16.9
320	248½	Stanley Leisure	307½		1.4	30.6
11	5½	Tandem	5½	-1		
346	346	Tayport	346		1.3	24.0
210	132	Thistle Hotels	135½	-1	3.4	13.2
142	91	Tottenhm Hot	99½		0.9	17.1
115½	89½	Toy Options†	100½	-1	4.6	7.5
280½	215½	VCI	216½	-2	4.5	11.0
127½	94	Vardon	107½		2.2	15.4
411	335½	Wembley	336½		0.7	10.9

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1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
803½	502½	Flextech	671			
232½	213½	GGT Group	216½	-1	3.5	15.2
232½	167½	GWR Gp†	170½	-½	2.0	27.8
387½	300½	[illegible]	355½	+5½	2.1	17.7
34½	24½	Goodhead	33	+1	0.9	20.1
319½	243½	Grampian	315½		2.9	21.7
415	277½	HTV Group	412½		1.3	49.6
287½	207½	Haynes Pub	225		6.0	10.3
22½	11½	Highbury Hse	11½	-½		
230	190	Hodder H'line	192½		4.2	14.5
285	243	Home Counts	259		2.7	54.3
394½	285	IBC	388½		3.0	14.0
26½	18½	Incepta	19			20.5
352½	297½	Independent	352½		2.6	
145	95	[illegible]	110		4.5	8.8
206½	172½	Johnston Press	198		1.6	22.3
45	35	Lopex	32½		2.9	
247½	140	MAID	189	+8½		
327	279½	Marden	279½	-½	1.6	19.3
36½	26½	MediaKey	32		4.4	10.7
1265	1005	Metal Bulletin	1025	+15	2.4	29.8
199½	139½	Midland Ind	198½		2.4	37.7
226½	182½	Mirror Gp	194½	-3	2.9	13.9
705	551½	More Grp	566	+2	3.3	14.1
338½	264	News Corp	272½	-2½	0.5	8.1
288	221½	News Corp Pref	222	-3½	1.5	
47½	10½	On Demand Inf	14½			
37½	20½	Osprey Comms	22	-½		10.0
797½	654½	Pearson	668½	-11	3.4	53.9
83	32	Phonelink	48	-2½		
845	750	Portsmth Sundt	817½		2.2	19.4
258½	207½	Quarto†	207½	-4	4.8	7.8
631½	508½	Reed Intl	581½	-6	2.9	20.7
765½	556½	Reuters	597	-6	3.5	19.5
710	542½	Scot Med	676½	-1	3.5	22.1
413½	348	Scott Radio	348½	-1½	3.0	16.8
62½	46½	Shandwick	47½		3.7	8.8
26	13	Sleepy Kids	15		0.7	18.0
521	390	Southnews†	406	+1	2.4	16.3
30½	15½	Sterling Pub	22			6.7
55½	46½	Taylor Nelson	54½		1.8	21.9
205	173	Televesn Cp	191½	-1	2.0	16.2
1509	1168½	Thomson Corp	1469½	+12½	3.0	30.8
505½	416½	Trinity Intl	438½	-4	3.4	18.0

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OIL & GAS

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OTHER FINANCIAL

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MEDIA

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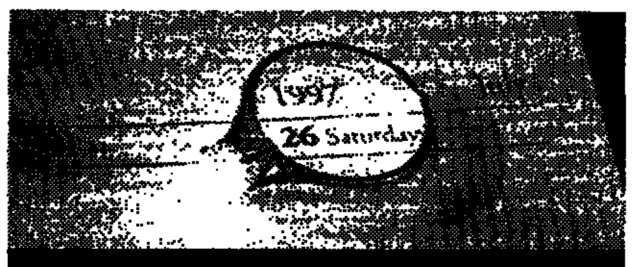
1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
188½	120½	CIA Gp	174½		1.7	37.8
590	505	Capital Radio	507	+1	3.2	16.8
577½	489	Carlton Comms†	512½	-6	2.8	15.2
812½	512½	Chrysalis	572½	...	0.6	
95½	69	City of Lond	82½		8.5	10.8
140	97½	Cordiant	128½	+½	1.0	
1784½	1431½	Daily Mail	1781½		1.5	30.6
1676½	1337½	Daily Mail 'A'	1668½		1.6	28.7
430	220	Dorling Kind	223½	...	2.5	18.8
831½	715½	EMAP†	747½	-8	2.2	19.5
1410	1069½	EMI†	1100	-8	2.9	44.3
1079½	913½	Elsevier	1026½	+3½	2.2	
1550	1400	Euromoney Pb	1547½		4.0	19.3
49	3½	Fitch	46½		1.1	12.7

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
155½	112½	Johnson Fry	135½		3.7	8.5
597½	465	Leopold J	597½	+2½	4.3	23.8
507½	439½	Liberty Intl	502½		4.0	31.1
437½	299½	Lon Forfaiting	399½	-½	3.8	14.8
229½	197½	London Pacific	207	-2	8.4	6.3
111½	85½	Lon Scot Bk	86		4.5	15.0
217½	170½	Man ED & F	194½	+1	6.9	8.9
1467½	1097½	M & G	1227	-1½	3.7	20.2
1469	1172½	MAM	1289	-11	4.4	21.5
178½	113½	Paragon†	161	+3½	1.9	7.1
2825	2380	Perpetual	2672½	-17½	3.2	19.1
636½	500	Provident	587½	-2½	3.5	20.0
337	303	Rathbone Brs	316½	-1	4.5	12.7
60½	39½	Rea Brothers	40½		3.1	16.2

BRITISH FUNDS

1997 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
100½	100½	Treas 7% 1997	100½		7.00	6.75
101½	100½	Treas 8¾% 1997	100½		8.73	6.54
108½	102½	Exch 15% 1997	102½	-½	14.67	6.70
103½	101½	Exch 9¾% 1998	101½xd		9.62	6.84
101½	100½	Treas 7¼% 1998	100½		7.24	7.00
110½	105½	Treas 14% 1998-01	105½		13.25	7.03
114½	109½	Treas 15½% 1998	109½		14.16	7.08
109½	106½	Exch 12% 1998	106½		11.31	7.12
105½	103½	Treas 9½% 1999	103½	...	9.20	7.13
111½	107½	Exch 12¼% 1999	107½	...	11.34	7.14
109½	105½	Treas 10½% 1999	105½	...	9.94	7.03
99½	96½	Treas 6% 1999	98½	+½	6.12	7.15
110½	106½	Conv 10¼% 1999	106½	+½	9.62	7.16
106½	104½	Conv 9% 2000	104½	+½	8.63	7.18
104½	102½	Treas 8% 2000	102½		7.81	7.17
119½	115½	Treas 13% 2000	115½	..	11.27	7.21
112½	98½	Treas 10% 2001	108½	-½	9.20	7.23
101½	98½	Treas 7% 2001	99½		7.05	7.17
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
122½	109½	Treas 9¾% 2002	110½	-½	8.82	7.24
105½	102½	Treas 8% 2003	103½	-½	7.70	7.18
116½	111½	Treas 10% 2003	113½	-½	8.81	7.23
116½	113½	Treas 11½% 2001-04	113½	...	10.14	7.25
87½	82½	Fund 3½% 1999-04	86½	-½	4.07	5.90
114½	109½	Conv 9½% 2004	112½	-½	8.41	7.18
99½	94½	Treas 6¾% 2004	97½	-½	6.80	7.13
108½	104½	Treas 8½% 2005	108½	-½	7.84	7.15
122½	110½	Conv 9½% 2005	113½	-½	8.35	7.17
130½	124½	Treas 12½% 2003-05	128½	-½	9.89	7.24
103½	98½	Treas 7½% 2006	102½	-½	7.32	7.13
107½	98½	Treas 7¾% 2006	103½	-½	7.46	7.16
104½	100½	Treas 8% 2002-06	102½	+½	7.78	7.30
123½	115½	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	120½	-½	9.79	7.25
111½	105½	Treas 8½% 2007	109½	-½	7.77	7.15
102½	96½	Treas 7¼% 2007	101½	-½	7.17	7.09
115½	108½	Treas 9% 2008	114½	-½	7.97	7.12
107½	101	Treas 8% 2009	107½	-½	7.46	7.12
LONGS (over 15 years)						
96½	89½	Treas 6¼% 2010	92½	-½	6.76	7.13
117½	109½	Conv 9% 2011	116½	-½	7.73	7.13
118½	109½	Treas 9% 2012	117½	-½	7.69	7.13
88½	80½	Treas 5½% 2008-12	87½	-½	6.30	6.86
109½	100½	Treas 8% 2013	108½	-½	7.38	7.12
106½	98½	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	105½	-½	7.34	7.12
110½	101½	Treas 8% 2015	109½	-½	7.31	7.07
118½	103½	Treas 8¾% 2017	117½	-½	7.45	7.11
112½	101½	Tr 8% 2021	110½	-½	7.21	7.04
UNDATED						
50½	43½	War Ln 3½%	49½	-½	7.12	...
35½	30½	Treas 2½%	34½	-½	7.28	
55½	49½	Consols 4%	54½	-½	7.38	
INDEX-LINKED on projected inflation of:					**10%**	**5%**
114½	113½	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	114½	+½	..	3.03
187½	184½	Treas IL 2½% 2001	186½	-½	2.97	3.69
184½	180½	Treas IL 2½% 2003	182½	-½	3.16	3.67
120½	117½	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	117½	-½	3.21	3.66
195½	190	Treas IL 2% 2006	192½xd	-½	3.28	3.62
176½	170½	Treas IL 2½% 2009	175½	+½	3.32	3.60
183½	178½	Treas IL 2½% 2011	180½	+½	3.35	3.59
150½	144½	Treas IL 2½% 2013	146½	...	3.38	3.59
161½	153½	Treas IL 2½% 2016	159½	+½	3.33	3.58
154½	147½	Treas IL 2½% 2020	152½	+½	3.44	3.60
128½	122½	Treas IL 2½% 2024	126½xd	+½	3.45	3.60
126½	119½	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	124½xd		3.44	3.59



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Master of the maverick class

Richard Morrison meets the composer John Adams, who brings a feast of American music to Sunday's Prom

Are the Proms as lively as they were? It shouldn't take long to answer that perennial question this season. For after the profundity of Beethoven's *Missa Solemnis* on the First Night (this Friday), and the resuscitation of a hardly-known Schubert opera about the Crusades *to excite the* classical *anoraks on* Saturday, the Albert Hall will go stark staring funky on Sunday.

In one exhilarating, noisy programme the American composer John Adams will steer the Ensemble Modern through a kind of Sprint History of Maverick American Music. It will range from minimalist pieces by Steve Reich and Philip Glass, and a new work by Adams himself, to extracts from Frank Zappa's *The Yellow Shark*.

Regrettably there won't be anything by Charles Ives, the pilgrim father of American musical eccentricity. But his spiritual successor, the 80-year-old Lou Harrison, will be represented by his Concerto for Organ and Percussion (reviewed below by Jamie James) — in which, it is whispered, the organist must administer several clouts on his keyboard with a mallet. That's something you don't get in Bach.

And the Prom will also unveil a commissioned piece by Michael Gordon, the new enfant terrible. He grew up in the Nicaraguan jungle (as one does), went to Yale, played in underground rock bands, toured an ensemble modestly called the Michael Gordon Philharmonic, and now writes pieces that proclaim their all-encompassing trendiness with titles such as *Yo, Shakespeare*. When he played the Queen Elizabeth Hall last year his encore was a Kurt Cobain number, which was seen as something of a mission statement.

For John Adams such a programme is less a concert, more the embodiment of a credo. Ever since this Harvard-educated musician decided, in 1971, to drive across America and settle in San Francisco — a symbolic rejection of the over-cerebral new-music establishment on the East Coast — he has revelled in the incongruous collisions, the crossovers, the carefree iconoclasm, that has always characterised the best American music. "There is no dominant stream in American music," he says. "That's its strength. And American culture has always celebrated the vernacular. The most vital advances are propelled by popular culture."

He is right. At the turn of the century Ives was already embracing marching bands, spirituals and street sounds in his music. Bernstein and Copland wrote their greatest scores under the influence of popular idioms. And present-day American composers writing in the anti-complexity style known as minimalism (which Adams declares to be "the only important musical development in the past 30 years") have consistently drawn inspiration from popular music.

"You can hear that in our Prom," Adams says. "Each of us is responding to the popular music of his era. Reich reflects jazz of the 1950s and 1960s. My piece responds to rock and salsa of the 1970s, and Gordon's sounds are post-punk. It's impossible for an American composer not to be influenced by the vernacular. It's all around. Every time you sit in the traffic you hear somebody's killer sound-system."

But Adams, just turned 50, has responded to far more than the sounds in the air. He came to attention ten years ago with his opera *Nixon in China*, which stunned the world twice over — first for taking modern politics as its subject; and secondly for portraying Nixon, Kissinger and Mao not as caricatures but as tragic figures, brooding over their failures in music of exquisite melancholy.

That monumental work inaugurated a new genre: docu-opera. Adams has so far contributed two more works to the species. *The Death of Klinghoffer* was a dark meditation on the *Achille Lauro* hijacking. Then came the pithily-named *I was looking at the ceiling and then I saw the sky*, ostensibly about the Los Angeles earthquake, but really a wry look at the American Dream turning sour.

Contemporary culture has spilled into Adams's non-operatic work, too. A violin and piano piece is called *Road Movies*; while his orchestral work, *El Dorado*, reflects a fashionable green concern about land despoilation.

Oddly, considering how much time Adams has devoted to opera, he professes ambivalence about the art form. "It's not the commanding idiom that it was a hundred years ago. Movies have taken over. Opera is a museum form now."

So why write operas? "Because it *is still* one of the few art forms that can exist on a mythic level and address the large issues of life." Is it distressing, though, when a work as important and accessible as *Nixon* is ignored by virtually all European opera houses? "That says more about the conservatism of the opera industry than it does about the quality of the work," Adams replies. "Writing opera is like buying *very* long-term bonds. You don't expect an instant return."

Outside the opera world, however, Adams *is* phenomenally popular. That won't surprise anybody who knows his *Short Ride in a Fast Machine*, a four-minute cracker that will surely be a sensation at the Last Night of this year's Proms. The word "minimalist" is an absurd reduction of such music, which has bags of passion, drive and drama. It welcomes listeners to its world. Dancers, too, love Adams. His *Fearful Symmetries* has been choreographed eight times.

Even the sterner critics are mellowing to Adams. "Yes, I don't receive the trashings that I got ten years ago," says the composer. "I suppose that if you are around long enough, the critical establishment starts to put up with you."

● *John Adams conducts at the Albert Hall (0171-589 8212) on Sunday at 7.30pm. The concert is live on Radio 3*

PETER NICHOLLS

Last call: Darcey Bussell and Igor Zelensky in *Romeo and Juliet*

Before the break

Farewell Gala
Covent Garden

Politics in the auditorium was one thing, with gilt-edged representatives of both the last and the current Government all present and correct, but then there was the politics on stage: who was to be there and why? Those who believe that the Royal Ballet has always had the fuzzy end of the lollipop in the Royal Opera House should take heart from the fact that there was noticeably more dance at *Monday's Farewell Gala* than there was opera, and that the Royal Ballet opened and closed both halves, with that great symbol of continuity Bernard Haitink conducting the beginning and the end.

The chief architects of the Royal Ballet's repertory were properly represented, Ashton with *La Valse* — a fine showcase for the company — and the magical *Dream* duet, and MacMillan with corresponding showpieces from *Romeo and Juliet* and *Manon*: Darcey Bussell and the Kirov's Igor Zelensky as ethereal in the former as Sylvie Guillem and Jonathan Cope were sensuous in the latter.

Viviana Durante and Irek Mukhamedov nearly stopped the show with *Diana and Actaeon*, which I confess had hitherto escaped me, and with luck will continue to do so: it's delirious rubbish, irresistibly performed. In the popular *Corsaire* variation, Tetsuya Kumakawa proved to be one of those rare dancers who defies gravity at the height of his jumps — breathtaking.

The sharp-eyed will already have noted a cunning mix of guests and home-based artists, which along with a similarly cunning mix of past, present and future was also evident in the operatic items. As a representation of what the resident companies have achieved in the last 50 years, this programme was in a different class from last year's Gold and Silver Gala. The Pub Scene from *Peter Grimes* brought Heather Harper and Elizabeth Bainbridge out of retirement, and saw the house debut of the Cardiff Singer of the World prizewinner Christopher Maltman, plus Anthony Rolfe Johnson singing Grimes with inimitable mellifluousness and Sir Colin Davis conducting.

A second former music director, Sir Georg Solti, was on hand for Verdi: Placido Domingo in Otello's Death Scene, and Bryn Terfel in Iago's Credo. Both were in stentorian voice.

Sir Colin also conducted Felicity Lott, Anne Howells and Thomas Allen in *Così fan tutte*, a nice teaser for his return to the company with this opera in the autumn, and Haitink returned for the most rapt item of the evening, the *Fidelio* quartet led by Josephine Barstow, and — less respectably — for a wallow in Strauss, a sweetmeat from *Arabella* with Anna Tomowa-Sintow and Franz Grundheber, and the *Rosenkavalier* Trio with what I can only think of as Les Girls: Lott, Ann Murray and Lillian Watson, sweetmeats indeed.

The final item assaulted the tear-glands mercilessly: the scenery flew out and Darcey Bussell as the Lilac Fairy put the rickety old theatre to sleep, with both companies on stage gazing in wonder and affection at the scene of so much achieved. But that sleep will last only two years, not a hundred. Enough nostalgia, charmingly provoked last night: everyone's sights must be firmly on 2000.

For all their glitz, galas never quite find artists at their best and perhaps the real farewell came at Saturday's *Meistersinger*, when even critics purged years of contempt by paying for their seats and along with a genuine Covent Garden audience were treated to a performance in a hundred, with Haitink up on cloud nine and everyone on stage, not least John Tomlinson, giving that extra inch.

At the mention of chorus and orchestra in Jeremy Isaacs's upbeat, perfectly judged curtain speech, the audience roared its approbation, and that's what it's all about: starting from scratch 50 years ago, Covent Garden has built up a world-class opera and dance machine, and nothing — temporary closure, passing management blips, even malign governments — can change that.

RODNEY MILNES

● *This review appeared in late editions of* The Times *yesterday*

A heavenly West Coast racket

Celebrations of the Sacred and Profane
San Francisco

Since he took over as music director of the San Francisco Symphony two years ago, Michael Tilson Thomas has established himself as the most venturesome, even visionary programmer on the American orchestral scene. He concluded the current season with an ambitious two-week festival entitled *Celebrations of the Sacred and Profane*, comprising five programmes — he conducted all of them — of "music whose flame is sparked by the friction between our earthiest desires and our most spiritual aspirations".

The opening night of the festival emphasised the heavenly, coupling the American première of Giacinto Scelsi's microtonal *Aion* and the Mozart Requiem. *Aion* is subtitled *Four Episodes in One Day of Brahma*, but the Indian subtext appears to be intellectual more than musical. Scored for a low-pitched orchestra — four tubas (muted with rubbish-bin lids), low strings, and an array of percussion — the piece is densely textured. The Mozart proved to be a rather pallid, dispirited affair.

The week's high point was an all-Schubert symphonic programme — composed by many hands. It opened with the American premiere of Hans Werner Henze's exuberant fantasia on *Erlkönig*, followed by the rollicking huntsmen's chorus *Nachtgesang im Walde* and the *Unfinished Symphony*. The songs were dispatched with suave Schubertian style by bass-baritone Nathan Berg. The evening's triumph was a superb performance of Luciano Berio's *Rendering*, based upon Schubert's sketches for his tenth, unwritten symphony.

The most uneven programme was the one given the most hype — an afternoon devoted to new music entitled *The Mavericks*, in which former Grateful Dead bass player Phil Lesh joined Tilson Thomas as presenter. It was difficult to understand why Lesh was there, except to lend a note of hipness, yet he seemed as hip as a maths teacher, slouching and mumbling in rumpled chinos.

The two men continually told the audience that the music it was hearing was radical and revolutionary, but the proceedings were tame enough, apart from Lou Harrison's Concerto for Organ and Percussion, a jubilant racket scored for a battery of instruments including oxygen tanks, car brake drums and oil drums, and four songs premiered by David Del Tredici called *Gay Life*, setting texts by Allen Ginsberg and Federico Garcia Lorca.

Baritone William Sharp sang competently, but was very much outshone by the composer, who accompanied him with dazzling virtuosity on the piano.

Otherwise, the legendary minimalist Terry Riley noodled away pointlessly at the keyboard for nearly half an hour like a pianist at a cosmic cocktail lounge, and Steven Mackey played some gutsy Hendrix riffs on electric guitar, backed by a string quartet, drums, and a wailing lead singer.

The festival's other programmes were devoted to Berg, Bach, Weill and Berlioz.

JAMIE JAMES

John Higgins meets the man who will supply the sauce for Glyndebourne's Rossini

Outré for the Count

Glyndebourne could be set for some fun when *Le Comte Ory* opens on Sunday. It has been 40 years since the last production there of Rossini's final comedy, his only one to a French text. In tune with *Ory*'s Gallic spirit Glyndebourne has turned to one of France's leading entertainers, Jérôme Savary, for the new staging.

Savary, aged 55, has also been in the entertainment business for close on 40 years and played almost every role: actor, acrobat, musician, director, designer, scriptwriter, impresario. He began as a street clown, went on to play jazz and chauffeured Charlie Parker's widow.

In his early twenties he formed his own company, which became the Grand Magic Circus et ses Animaux Tristes. It roamed Europe and came to London for a few seasons at the Roundhouse in Camden, putting on zany shows. There was a left-wing message, spectacle, lots of pretty girls in various stages of undress and plenty of songs from operetta and the music-hall. But it was not a circus and appeared to have no animals, a typical Savary joke.

"Every circus needs animals and they were there, we humans," Savary explains. "We are the saddest animals of all, however much we try to hide our animality behind tuxedos and black ties."

The Beatles came to the Roundhouse and John Lennon in particular picked Savary's brains. "He was worried that the Beatles sound was becoming too 'clean'. He reckoned we were producing the right 'dirty' sound and asked how we did it. The answer was by placing four grand pianos at different points in the theatre, ditto four of the oldest drums available. Add in a damp atmosphere, which the Roundhouse certainly provided, and you get a dirty sound. John went away and thought about that. Later he sent a cheque, which kept us on the road a bit longer."

The Magic Circus eventually ran out of money in the mid 1970s. The co-operative was disbanded, although Savary jibs at the word. "Co-operative? We were a bunch of theatrical mercenaries, led by a pirate chief — me." The chief still keeps in touch with his crew, whose members once included Luc Bondy, Micheline Presle and Delphine Seyrig.

PETER TRIEVNOR

Jérôme Savary: from street clown to Glyndebourne director

After the Circus struck its tent for the last time Savary made his first forays into musical theatre via Offenbach. "I despised opera then as being a bourgeois entertainment and simply had memories of my mother playing *The Magic Flute* endlessly on the gramophone. But Frankfurt asked me to stage *La Vie parisienne* and I was then invited by Felsenstein to do *Le Voyage dans la lune* at the Komische Oper. He paid me almost nothing, but in 12 weeks' rehearsal I learnt most of what there was to be learnt about directing operetta."

This little-heard Offenbach occupies a special place in the Savary career. He devised a different staging for Geneva in 1987 and there is talk of yet another version for the Bastille as part of the millennium celebrations.

It was a rather different musical, *Cabaret*, which landed Savary the job of running the massive Théâtre du Chaillot, where his contract has just been renewed until 2000. Mitterrand himself made the proposal after seeing the show. What caught the Presidential eye?

"Ah, well *Cabaret* is all about political compromise and he would have understood that," is Savary's characteristically provocative reply. Another reason could have been the presence of Ute Lemper in the lead role and the quality of Savary's production.

"The Chaillot appointment caused a bit of a stir, especially in right-wing circles. There were questions about putting a clown in charge of a state theatre. But it was gradually admitted that I am a *deliberately popular director who* sets out to fill seats. So the rightists now like me. There are good Savary shows and not so good ones, but there are no boring ones."

And so back to Rossini, who also knew a thing or two about catering for public taste. Savary has directed *all his* major comedies, though no serious operas. *Ory*, about the farcical efforts of a count to seduce a noblewoman while her husband is at the Crusades, looks ready-made for him. Ezio Toffolutti, who works regularly at the Chaillot, is a highly decorative designer and is keeping it in period.

"I like ladies and I like *opera buffa*. The best adjective to describe *Ory* is *paillard* [bawdy]. The original play was even more *paillard*, but Rossini's librettist, Scribe, cleaned it up a bit. Yes, it stays at the time of the *Crusades*. *If* I were 30 years younger I would probably have set it in a Hong Kong brothel. Now I leave that sort of thing to the new generation. But we will have a large bed rising from the stage in Act II when the Count tries to make love to his page *believing he is the* Countess Adèle. In it there will be three disembodied singing heads. It'll remind me of the Three Boys trilling away on a cloud in *The Magic Flute*."

This will be the second time he has directed *Ory*. The previous occasion was in Lyons for John Eliot Gardiner. "Lyons was a rush two-week job to fit in with a recording schedule. I remember John Eliot coming up to me after the first night and saying I hadn't put much work into the production but that it was great fun. This time round he'll probably say: 'Hm. Lots of work, but not much fun'."

Savary, as usual, was just kidding.

● Le Comte Ory *opens at Glyndebourne (01273 813813) on Sunday*

Soaring and swooping

CBSO/Rattle
Birmingham

If any one performance of *The Damnation of Faust* could make up for what happened to it a few weeks ago at the London Coliseum, this was it. Back in the concert hall, where it exclusively belongs, with some 500 choral voices and an orchestra grudging nothing in meeting its most extravagant requirements, it had every opportunity to rehabilitate itself as an incomparable masterpiece.

Even as an opera only "for the mind's eye" (as David Cairns describes it in his excellent programme note), *The Damnation of Faust* has its dramaturgical problems: Berlioz's habit of adapting his text to provide a home for stray *musical inspirations — although he* is by no means as self-indulgent about it in this case as he is in *Lélio* — is an obstacle to credibility. For all its quality in terms of technique, the first half of Sir Simon Rattle's interpretation with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra failed to register more than an *acoustic effect, brilliantly achieved* though it was.

From the beginning of Part III, where Marguerite appears, the atmosphere in Symphony Hall was quite different. Maria Ewing's soprano lies a little low for the part, which meant that she had difficulty in controlling the colouring of some of the notes above the stave. With her first entry, however, on a not very pretty but meaningful downward swoop, she gave notice that the role is real to her. By the time she came to her Romance she was singing beautifully.

She was clearly an inspiration to Vinson Cole, who had so far shaped Faust's vocal line with exemplary clarity and elegance, and who now found passion there too. He went so far as to try a swoop himself. Willard White, as an heroic survivor from the ENO production, is as experienced a Mephistopheles as any, his occasionally dubious French somehow adding to the macabre effect.

The orchestral playing, too, was on a different level. *The Minuet of the Will-o'-the-Wisp* in Part III was no less finely executed than the charmingly coloured *Dance of the Sylphs* in Part II, but at the same time it had the essential eerie edge.

As for the chorus — or choruses, including those in Birmingham for the Voices in the City festival — there was no weakness even in the tricky episodes. In the last two movements, Pandemonium and Heaven, the combined efforts of the CBS Chorus and Youth Chorus, the City of Birmingham Choir, the William Hall Master Chorale of Los Angeles and the Vancouver Bach Choir were devastating. If the barefoot children's choir added little to the vocal effect, it was surely a *coup de théâtre* Berlioz himself would have enjoyed.

GERALD LARNER

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The good, the new and the spicy

David Sinclair on how he and the other Mercury Music Prize judges reduced 155 albums to a quirky shortlist of ten

Yesterday the 1997 Mercury Music Prize shortlist was announced, prompting the usual accusations that the judges had bowed to a combination of populist, elitist and tokenist pressures. Is the presence of the Spice Girls on the list purely due to musical merit? Is the aggressive orchestral dissonance of Mark-Anthony Turnage's album *Your Rockaby*, with its "panoply of percussion ranging from bodhrans to a saucepan", seriously going to appeal to anyone beyond a small clique of classical music cognoscenti? And who the hell is Roni Size/Reprazent?

As one of the judging panel which has spent the past seven weeks listening to and attempting to evaluate the 155 or so albums that were entered this time, I can only say we tried our hardest to arrive at a shortlist that offers a balanced picture of the best that British music has had to offer in the last year. And if the cutting edge dance music of Roni Size and his Bristol-based collective Reprazent hasn't made much of an impact yet, you just wait.

Our choices undoubtedly confirm certain prejudices. Five of the albums have topped the British chart. Four of the acts, including John Tavener and Prodigy, have appeared on previous shortlists, while two of them (Primal Scream and Suede) are past winners. A straw poll among our peers in the music industry conducted by the trade magazine *Music Week* successfully predicted six of the ten albums on the shortlist, and I have heard of people asking the bookies for odds on either Radiohead or Prodigy to win, even before the shortlist was announced.

So what exactly is the Mercury Music Prize designed to do? While the organisers talk about pursuing "a notion of musical quality irrespective of current commercial success" and "telling the story of the year in music", the editor of *Music Week* sees it as a means of boosting record sales. Thus, she argues, "the most productive reason for having a Mercury Prize is surely to champion those records which might otherwise be overlooked".

FAMOUS

Excellence v popularity: are the Spice Girls on the Mercury shortlist through musical merit, or do sales play a part? And who the hell is Roni Size/Reprazent?

The trouble with that is that if you were to rule out records which "don't need" the kudos of a Mercury endorsement, or the £25,000 cheque which goes to the winner, the prize would rapidly lose its authority and become another of those forums where a small group of specialists seek to foist their passion for the new and the quirky on to an increasingly sceptical and uninterested public.

On the other hand, the list should not be arrived at by some sort of sales or quota-based system, and this year the inclusion of two classical albums, the absence of a jazz album and the unusually high percentage of dance records all tell their own story.

The Mercury Prize is a celebration as much as a calibration of British music in all its diversity, and part of the joy of music is that it cannot be contained by notions either of "excellence" or "popularity". Music can be both these things or neither, yet ultimately it speaks to each of us in a personal voice. It is not like an athletics event or a football match, where great artistry may be the result of striving to reach an objectively defined goal.

In strictly functional terms, therefore, the Mercury Music Prize may be little more than a marketing tool. But as an ideal it exists to recognise a pinnacle of achievement that defies logical understanding.

● *The winner of the Mercury Music Prize will be announced at a televised presentation dinner on August 28*

THE TEN SHORTLISTED ALBUMS

Dig Your Own Hole	The Chemical Brothers
Trailer Park	Beth Orton
Vanishing Point	Primal Scream
The Fat Of The Land	Prodigy
OK Computer	Radiohead
Newforms	Roni Size/Reprazent
Spice	The Spice Girls
Coming Up	Suede
Svyati	John Tavener/Steven Isserlis
Your Rockaby	Mark-Anthony Turnage

She who won't surrender

Not many black American soul singers relocate to Britain to further their careers, but then Jhelisa Anderson has never done anything the conventional way. She comes from one of America's foremost musical families (relatives include Bobby Byrd and Vicki Anderson, and the singers Pamela and Carleen Anderson), but she chose instead to take her chances in London and after singing on a couple of the Shamen's hits, signed to a small independent label. Two albums later the move is beginning to pay dividends.

Her maverick approach was evident from the way she kept a packed Jazz Café waiting until almost 10.30pm before taking the stage, right through to the string quartet she brought on almost two hours later. In between, she showed that despite her often iconoclastic approach, she has not abandoned soul music's traditional virtues. Together with performers such as D'Angelo, Maxwell, and Erykah Badu, she has come to typify what is now known as nu classic soul — contemporary beats which wear with pride their musical heritage stretching back to 1970s funk and beyond.

Jhelisa
Jazz Café, NW1

She has a voice of vast power and range which she uses with controlled abandon, oscillating between the out-and-out funk of *Everybody Jump Off*, her new single, and an unhurried, after-hours strut, heard to best effect on *Language Electric*, the title track of her second album.

The musical sophistication is counterpointed by an emotional rawness in lyrics such as *Freedom From Pity*, which deals unsentimentally with being trapped in an abusive relationship, and *Sell Me Away*, an angry diatribe about an arranged marriage.

Yet Jhelisa is not just a songwriter. Having opened with her own instrumental composition, *Story Of A Musician's Madness*, she showed her versatility by closing with *Bête Noir*, her own stark arrangement for string quartet. There is in everything she does a defiant strength that makes the in-your-face posturings of the rock babes look mere petulance. "No compromise, no surrender," she sang repeatedly at the end of *My Ego Needs Me Tonight*. It ought to be her signature.

NIGEL WILLIAMSON

From mud to makeovers

T In The Park
Balado, by Kinross

You can take T In The Park out of Glasgow, but you can't take Glasgow out of T in the Park, as the first sighting of a discarded Buckfast bottle a good few miles from the bigger, better and decidedly bumpier new home for Scotland's premier open-air music festival attests. Yet the collapse of Scotland's main ticket agency, leaving the promoters to pick up the considerable tab, combined with a typically capricious Scottish summer and an increasingly congested festival circuit, could have made for the dampest of squibs.

As it was, the sun shone — for a while anyway — on a predictable array of acts on the main stage, though the real gems were to be found under canvas. The Slam Muzik Stage and Radio One Evening Session Stage offered a stream of low and hi-fi delights, with Mogwai, Death In Vegas, Daft Punk and Monaco hopefully knocking a final and welcome nail in the guitar-shaped coffin of Britpop.

It was pretty much a celebrity-free zone this year. The whisper was that the ubiquitous Noel Gallagher was set to jam with big mates Paul Weller and Ocean Colour Scene, prompting muted ho-hums all round. The biggest surprise was that, unless he kept an uncharacteristically low profile, he didn't turn up, although his brother did. No, not that one, the one who isn't famous.

It wouldn't be a show without Punch, though, and sure enough, there was Chris Evans, surrounded by photographers, though a far better picture would have been if he had ended up in the mud.

On the main stage, the Charlatans played a blinder, though a potentially more interesting proposition were the once dreadful G.U.N., and the once very good Texas, both of whom have benefited from makeovers of late. Texas's smoothed-out soul is a far sexier proposition, simply because Sharleen Spiteri possesses the voice of an angel, and they didn't need INXS's Andrew Farriss to knock them into shape.

One can only speculate why Farriss wished to produce G.U.N.'s new album, though it has produced a couple of catchy pop singles in *My Sweet Jane* and *Crazy You*. All well and good, except that live they sound like the clumpy, sub-metal tosh they always have — apart from *Word Up*, of course, their finest five minutes. With a stage patter straight off the Glasgow cabaret circuit, front man Mark Rankin plays the cheap shot Scottish card, though where G.U.N.'s old-fashioned, thump-along cod rock comes from, it sure ain't home.

Texas, on the other hand, are having none of it. Having been left out in the wilderness after at least one great album, they blew back into town earlier this year with a great single titled *Say What You Want* and a suspicious amount of gloss covering up the grit of yore. Yet the bulk of the new material is still as sassy, just more grown-up, while old songs such as *I Don't Want A Lover* are dragged into less Luddite times.

And so to Paul Weller, who knows more about reinvention than most. Changing man or mutton dressed as lamb, though, he has gone as far as he can with his current set of hand-me-down threads, and needs to think again beyond his brand of guitar histrionics. Weller can huff and puff as much as he likes, but, rather than hot licks and heavy soul, it only sounds like hot air and heavy weather. For every brilliant song such as *The Weaver*, there are half a dozen slices of faceless pub rock stodge. A new song, *Friday Street*, raises expectations, but soon slips anonymously into the mud brought on by Sunday's heavy showers.

You could easily slither off to catch 15 minutes of the far more engaging Beth Orton, have a go on the funfair and grab an overpriced burger before paddling back to endure some more of what sounded suspiciously like the same guitar solo. For on this showing at least, Weller's song remains much the same. And this is no idle Led Zeppelin analogy, for the way he's been plundering the decades of late, it shouldn't be too long before he is ripping off some of his old Jam songs.

Whether they would be authentic or not, we will have to wait until next year, or at least until tomorrow.

NEIL COOPER

GREAT BRITISH HOPES

Rising stars in the arts firmament

BRIAN MILLIGAN

Age: 15.

In demand: With performances on stage, television and in the forthcoming Daniel Day-Lewis film, *The Boxer*, to his credit over the past year, he is on the way to becoming Northern Ireland's most famous child actor.

National debut: Last week, he and a dozen fellow pupils from Lagan College, near Belfast, were at the Cottesloe Theatre performing Gina Moxley's *Dog House*, part of the BT National Connections project. "I played Jimmy, who's pretty thick, but still figures out that two of the local kids are being violently abused by their father."

Does he take his acting seriously? Very. For *Dog House* he read articles on child abuse and studied a television documentary about teenage joyriders in Belfast, adopting the mannerisms of one for Jimmy.

Mentor: *Dog House* director Jo McColgan, Lagan's "brilliant" drama teacher. "He introduced me to acting and it just grabbed me. He showed me how you can really let yourself go on stage."

How did he break into television? McColgan suggested he audition for the gritty drama series, *Safe and Sound*, and he duly landed the part of a young snooker ace whose father has been killed in the Troubles.

Instant fame: "After *Safe and Sound* was shown last September, people were stopping me in the street and asking 'Was that you on the telly the other night?' It was great."

What about the Day-Lewis film? The very tight lid being kept on pre-release publicity for *The Boxer*, in which Day-Lewis plays a Belfast fighter rebuilding his life after 13 years in prison, means Brian is "not allowed" to talk about his part. But he can reveal that the location filming in Dublin in April gave him "a great buzz, a feeling you just can't put into words".

Sibling rivalry: He faces competition from his elder brother, Ciaran, who has appeared in the children's TV show *Wise Up*, and also featured in *Dog House*.

Any idols? Day-Lewis and Robert De Niro. "I like their style, the way they get all the way inside a character, no matter who they are playing."

Wise head on young shoulders: "I'd like to be an actor, but it would be very tough. You could appear in four films in a row and then suddenly be totally out of a job. If things didn't work out I'd love to teach drama."

DANIEL ROSENTHAL

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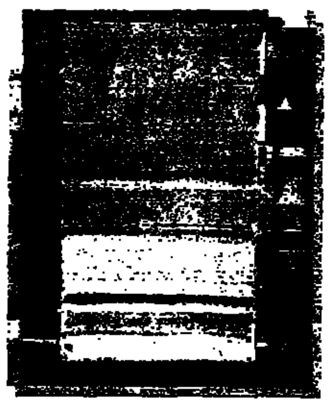

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CHANGING TIMES

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Marit Hargle

LONDON

GREENWICH AND DOCKLANDS INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL: Among today's highlights is a concert by the renowned Baroque music group the Academy of Ancient Music, which is joined by the Tallis Chamber Choir, under Paul Goodwin. On the programme is music by Purcell and Handel. An impressive array of soloists include Nancy Argenta and Tom Guthrie.
Royal Naval College Chapel, King William Walk, SE10. 8pm.
Festival Hotline: (0181-853 4444)

CHIMPS Gemma Bodinetz directs a black comedy by Simon Block: a young couple in their first home are driven to distraction by two persistent salesmen.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (0171-722 9301). Tonight 7pm. Then Mon-Sat 8pm, mat Sat, 3.30pm.

RHYTHM STICKS Two events, both part of the percussion festival currently in progress, take place tonight. At 7.45pm, in the Festival Hall, there is an opportunity to sample rhythms from India, while at 8pm, in the Purcell Room, a concert of Korean traditional music song and dance contains a strong percussive element.
Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (0171-960 4242) ♿

STEVEN OSBORNE: The acclaimed young pianist with the sensual touch performs a wide-ranging programme of Bach, Rachmaninov, Harvey and Ravel.
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (0171-935 2141). 8pm. ♿

ELSEWHERE

CHELTENHAM: The International Festival promises yet another day of glorious music. At 11am a concert by the **Nash Ensemble** offers two classical masterpieces by Brahms and Mozart coupled with a new work by Colin Matthews (Pittville Pump Room). More Brahms can be heard in the evening as the **Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra** under Paul Daniel performs the composer's Symphony No 3, as well as works by Mozart and Schwertsik. (Town Hall, 7.30pm). Later, at the same venue (9.45pm) the **Kokoro Ensemble** performs Schoenberg's seminal masterpiece, *Pierrot Lunaire*.
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Minerva Studio, Oaklands Park (01243 781312). Previews from tonight, 7.45pm. Opens July 22, 7.45pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thur and Sat, 2.35pm.

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West Yorkshire Playhouse, The Quarry, Hill Mount (0113-244 2111). Opens tonight, 7.45pm. Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat (July 26), 3pm. Until August 2. ♿

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Open Air, Inner Circle, Regent's Park, NW1 (0171-486 2431). In rep with *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Mon-Sat 8pm, mats Wed, Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm.

■ **AMY'S VIEW** Judi Dench and Samantha Bond in David Hare's new play, exploring a strong mother-daughter bond in the years from 1979. Richard Eyre directs.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.15pm. In rep.

☐ **CANDIDE** The European Satire season ends with David Farr's production of Voltaire's witty classic. Justin Salinger plays the trusting innocent who must suffer much before learning to work his garden.
Gate, 11 Pembridge Rd, W11 (0171-229 0706). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm.

☐ **DAMN YANKEES** West End debut for Jerry Lewis, heading an all-American cast in the Richard Adler/Jerry Ross musical about the baseball fan who sells his soul to the devil.
Adelphi, Strand, WC2 (0171-413 1777). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm. Until August 9.

☐ **KING LEAR** Kathryn Hunter goes where no English-speaking actress has gone before, into the title role of Shakespeare's suffering monarch in a modern-dress, visionary production by Helena Kaut-Howson. First seen at Leicester Haymarket.
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (0171-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 7pm, mats Sat, 2pm.

☐ **THE MAIDS** Niamh Cusack and Kerry Fox play the title roles, with Josette Simon as their adored and hated mistress, in Genet's over-heated but sometimes compelling drama.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-369 1732). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 4pm.

☐ **MARLENE** Siân Phillips gives an attractive performance as the singer with the golden sheath dress.
Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **THE SCHOOL FOR WIVES** Peter Bowles both touching and comic as Molière's deluded hero. Paul Daniels as his flicker-fingered servant.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (0171-369 1731). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4.30pm. Until July 26.

☐ **SMOKEY JOE'S CAFE** Subtitled "The Songs of Leiber and Stoller". Hit Broadway compilation show celebrating a successful songwriting team, responsible for *Hound Dog*, *Jailhouse Rock* and *Spanish Harlem*.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (0171-839 5987). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm.

◩ **TOM AND CLEM:** Stimulating play with Alec McCowen and Michael Gambon as sober Attlee and flamboyant Driberg, sorting out the world at Potsdam.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 6007). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. Until July 26.

☐ **THE WEIR:** Following two plays that were principally monologues, Conor McPherson's latest is set in a bar in rural Ireland: the talk turns to ghosts, of which one girl (Julia Ford) turns out to have first-hand knowledge. Ian Rickson directs.
Royal Court (Ambassadors), West Street, WC2 (0171-565 5000). Mon-Sat, 8.30pm. Until July 26.

☐ **THE WOOD DEMON.** Good actors in a generally disappointing revival of Chekhov's first version of *Uncle Vanya*.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (0171-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm.

LONG RUNNERS

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Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **GET ON THE BUS** (15): African American males travel to Washington DC for the Million Man March. Contentious movie from Spike Lee.
Curzon West End (0171-369 1722) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121)

◆ **MURDER AT 1600** (15): Wesley Snipes solves a White House murder. Silly thriller, with Diane Lane. Director, Dwight Little.
Odeon Marble Arch (0181-315 4216) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** ♿ (0171-434 0031) **Warner** ♿ (0171-437 4343)

SELECT HOTEL (18): Grim, sometimes touching, tale of Paris flophouse life.
ABC Swiss Centre (0171-439 4470) **ICA** ♿ (0171-930 3647)

SOMEONE ELSE'S AMERICA (15): Whimsical adventures of immigrants in Brooklyn, with Tom Conti and Miki Manojlovic. Director, Goran Paskaljevic.
Metro (0171-437 0757)

◆ **SWINGERS** (15): Foibles and fumblings of male twentysomethings in LA. Fresh independent movie from Doug Liman, written by Jon Favreau.
Gate ♿ (0171-727 4043) **Odeons: Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **West End** (0181-315 4221) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Virgin Chelsea** (0171-352 5096)

THINNER (18): Tedious and unpleasant version of Stephen King's story about an attorney fighting a gypsy curse. With Robert John Burke.
Warner ♿ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **UNFORGETTABLE** (15): Mis-titled thriller with Ray Liotta and Linda Fiorentino. Director, John Dahl.
Virgin Haymarket (0171-839 1527)

CURRENT

◆ **ABSOLUTE POWER** (15): The American President is involved in a murder, and burglar Clint Eastwood knows it. Enjoyable potboiler; Eastwood directs.
Odeon Mezzanine ♿ (0181-315 4215) **Virgin Chelsea** (0171-352 5096)

◆ **BATMAN & ROBIN** (PG): Schwarzenegger's Mr Freeze tries to hold Gotham to ransom. Exhausting epic, with George Clooney, Chris O'Donnell and Uma Thurman. Director, Joel Schumacher.
ABCs: Baker Street (0171-935 9772) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Barbican** ♿ (0171-638 8891) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Greenwich** (0181-235 3005) **Notting Hill Coronet** ♿ (0171-727 6705) **Odeons: Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **Rio** (0171-254 6677) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** ♿ (0171-434 0031) **Warner West End** (0171-437 4343)

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◆ **PRIVATE PARTS** (18): Amusing portrait of outrageous radio personality Howard Stern's rise to fame. Director, Betty Thomas.
ABC Piccadilly (0171-437 3561) **Odeon Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

UNHOOK THE STARS (15): Middle-aged widow has time on her hands. Uneven but worthwhile drama with Gena Rowlands and Marisa Tomei. Director, Nick Cassavetes.
ABCs: Baker Street (0171-935 9772) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (0171-836 6279) **Chelsea** (0171-351 3742) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Screen/Hill** (0171-435 3366)

WHEN WE WERE KINGS (PG): Joyous Oscar-winning portrait of the boxer Muhammad Ali, as he fights George Foreman in 1974.
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Andy Lavender on London's Meltdown Festival. Plus, Wilde in Dublin

Surrealistic pillows

In 1980 Laurie Anderson's suave, electronically treated voice sliced into the British pop charts like an utterance from another planet with *O Superman*. At around the same time she brought her multimedia show *United States* to London. How cool she seemed as she conjured up projections, electronic instruments and sampled voices, how permeated with the modernity of Manhattan loft life.

Anderson programmed this year's Meltdown festival on London's South Bank, corralling a group of friends including Lou Reed, Spalding Gray and Gidon Kremer and, in a final gala, Robert Wilson, Bill T. Jones and Salman Rushdie. What was striking about the performance work, however, was not its newness and sense of chic, but something more peculiarly comforting. Here was performance art with a fireside feel.

Anderson herself epitomised this curious circumstance in her solo show, *The Speed of Darkness*. The format was familiar and, in its way, intimate, with Anderson standing at her synthesizer and sound desk, bending like a lover towards the two microphones in front of her. Yes, she played her electronic violin, which filled the Festival Hall with the sonorities of a massive orchestra. Yes, her customary sound loops ran more or less throughout, but they underpinned an activity honoured from time immemorial: the lone speaker recounting stories to an audience. In a single stream of monologue she combined *Star Trek*, Moby Dick, King Lear, the Halle Bopp Comet, the siege at Waco and the Unibomber. You emerge from one of her shows feeling that an eye-catching tapestry, full of recognisable bits and pieces, has been laid out before you.

Further odd observations were provided by poet and raconteur Ken Nordine. His trademark is a deep, dark-treacle voice, which he applies to word-plays around abstracts such as colour, time and dependence. He enjoys making nouns out of adjectives such as "gentle", "total" and "stupid" ("Once I went to Stupid, stayed a dozen days").

Permanent Brain Damage, from Richard Foreman's Ontological Hysteric Theatre

You might imagine this as the kind of thing done in cellar bars in the 1960s bur, delivered as it is by an avuncular figure with an old-as-the-hills easiness, it seems strangely sensible.

The newer generation of American performers was represented by Heather Woodbury, who rose to a friend's challenge by developing *What Ever*, a performance soap opera. The material is a bit patchy, the result, perhaps, of Woodbury writing and performing a new show every week for nine months. Even so, this is again new work made from the oldest resource: the ability to sketch characters and spin storylines.

The one piece of performance in the festival which appeared squarely left-field was *Permanent Brain Damage*, presented by Richard Foreman's Ontological Hysteric Theatre. Performers decked out in 1920s garb, with smudged lipstick, stumbled and slunk on to the stage for their various encounters, which included the slow stuffing of eggs into a toy duck and the rolling of pastry in order to slap it on another character's bald head.

Stuff and nonsense, of course. Foreman set up the company in 1968, and its splintered, non-logical style established it as something of a fixture on the New York performance scene. Foreman himself delivers the voiceover in *Permanent Brain Damage*. "Anything automatic somehow puts one in touch with the truth behind it all," he says. At which point even this show seemed securely harboured in the traditions of inoffensive surrealism.

Wilde but unbalanced

Lady Windermere's Fan
Gate, Dublin

Striking a useful balance between melodrama and comedy in *Lady Windermere's Fan* is not easy. The play flip-flops between effervescent banter and wordy gravity; it is difficult to decide if comedy should offer a frame to seriousness, or whether Wilde's tale of social self-sacrifice can be anything but absurd in this hollow society.

The Gate's latest production uses up precious energy trying to discover whether darkness or light is the key ingredient. In the end, however, it does not come up with a convincing answer, taking refuge instead in the opulent art direction of Alan Stanford's high cholesterol production.

A deep red curtain, accentuated by red lighting, falls between acts, and the audience is left mulling the intrigues. When the curtain rises, it is to reveal spacious and gently unexplicit sets by Bruno Schwengl.

A sitting room in a symphony of Chardonnays is dominated by a huge blank window, while Lord Darlington's bachelor rooms are sulphurously lit. Jacqueline Kobler's costumes for the women are equally appealing, taking a Thirties theme and twirling from prim party frocks to vampish skins for the scarlet lady, Mrs Erlynne (Olwen Fouéré).

The acting is decidedly less nuanced. Hilary Reynolds is not well cast as the wide-eyed young bride who becomes so confused about her husband's behaviour that she decides to run the gauntlet of social ostracism. As her husband, the stiff, pompous Lord Windermere, Michael James Ford has trouble achieving a state of apoplexy while keeping the beat.

Fouéré is poised and tough as Mrs Erlynne, but could do with making a firm decision about her accent. Bounced off the foils of Tom Hickey's dilapidated and irredeemably dim Lord Augustus, and Robert O'Mahoney's inflexible, uncomfortable Lord Darlington, her performance gets little help.

Pat Kinevane interprets Cecil Graham as a Wilde clone, complete with green carnation and bitchiness. Kinevane knows how to cover a stage, moving with tango-like precision and grinning with seductive wickedness. His work is made superfluous by the production, which hammers home any possible reference to homosexuality as though it were directed by Sir Edward Carson himself.

LUKE CLANCY

Lost in the forest

SYLVIA is Diana's favourite, the resolute Head Girl of the goddess's band of virgin-huntresses — until, that is, she falls from grace by noticing a herdsman called Aminta. This pastoral allegory, first told by the Italian poet Tasso in 1573, inspired many subsequent creators. In 1876 *Sylvia* was made into a ballet in Paris by Louis Mérante, marking the opening of Charles Garnier's opulent opera house. Now the prolific American choreographer John Neumeier has taken time off from his directorial post at the Hamburg Ballet to choreograph another *Sylvia* in the Palais Garnier.

Why do choreographers bother with a plot that swerves improbably and trips over its own characters? Because it possesses Délibes's other ballet score after *Coppélia*, refined and rich music which prompted Tchaikovsky to say that had he known it at the time he would *not* have written *Swan Lake*.

PARIS DANCE

Neumeier's beginning is gripping. Diana and her nymphs practising their archery from the startled auditorium and cutting a dramatic dash in their aviatrix leather caps and bodices. After that, though, the action rapidly slides downhill. Designer Yannis Kokkos's leaf-green walls and blue cut-out trees present a handsome, modern metaphor for Arcadia; and for the winter scene it is a neat touch simply to turn the walls and trees to display their white reverse sides. But Neumeier's attempts to produce an equivalent oblique poetry in dance do not succeed.

Wisely he has decided to streamline the plot, except that he makes it so elliptical as to be perplexing. Elisabeth Platel as Diana and Nicolas Le Riche as the catalyst figure of Eros are high-powered, alluring dancers in choreography whose logic often mystifies. Manuel Legris and Monique Loudières are equally squandered in the roles of Aminta and Sylvia. No rhyme or reason seems to exist in the flex-footed motifs of Aminta's solos or some of the images of his closing pas de deux with Sylvia, so that it all descends into empty quirkiness.

At the Châtelet Theatre, the Frankfurt Ballet's *Sleepers Guts*, created last year, was no less disappointing. William Forsythe, the company's choreographer, has made his name by brilliantly deconstructing classical dance and reassembling it into a fresh, exciting language. But in *Sleepers Guts*, which lists seven of the company's dancers as his co-choreographers, the dance seems just pulled apart into chaos, relentlessly struggling, like Neumeier, to be different without putting a complete, autonomous alternative in its place.

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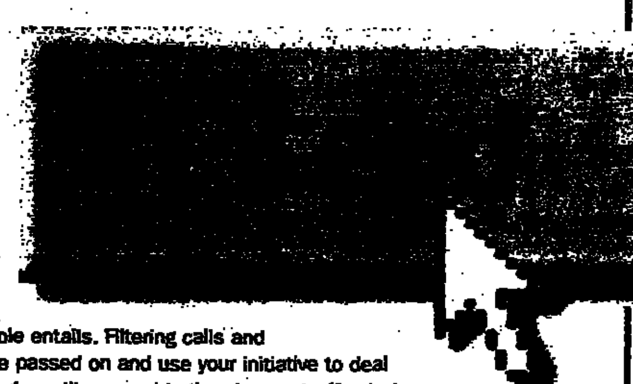

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Court of Appeal

Transfer while abroad not taxable

Inland Revenue Commissioners v Willoughby

Before Lord Nolan, Lord Mustill, Lord Hoffmann, Lord Clyde and Lord Hutton

[Speeches July 10]

Section 739 of the Income and Corporation Taxes 1988, which sought to prevent the avoidance of liability to income tax by the transfer of assets abroad, did not apply where a taxpayer was not ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom at the time he made the relevant transfer.

The House of Lords so held in dismissing appeals by the Inland Revenue Commissioners from the order of the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Glidewell, Lord Justice Hobhouse and Lord Justice Morritt) (*The Times* January 4, 1995; [1995] STC 143) upholding a special commissioner's decision to discharge assessments to income tax for the taxpayers, Mr Peter Willoughby and Mrs Ruth Willoughby in respect of three Royal Life Insurance International Ltd offshore personal portfolio bonds.

Their Lordships held, further, that such bonds were not vehicles for tax avoidance.

Mr Launcelot Henderson, QC and Mr Rabinder Singh for the Revenue; Mr David Goy, QC and Mr Philip Baker for the taxpayers.

LORD NOLAN said that there was no dispute that the payments of premiums on the taking out of the bonds were transfers of assets to Royal Life for the purposes of section 739, nor was there any dispute about the amount of income arising from the investments comprised in the bonds which was the subject of the various assessments.

The premium on the first bond was, however, paid when both taxpayers were still resident outside the United Kingdom.

They had contended that for that reason alone no liability to tax could arise upon the income of the first bond.

Mr Henderson had submitted that the taxpayers' suggested restriction of liability to individuals who were ordinarily resident here at the time of transfer was unwarranted by the statutory language and would give rise to anomalies.

It would not be sensible, he argued, to distinguish between the cases of an individual intending to take up residence in the United Kingdom, who made a transfer of assets with a view to the future avoidance of United Kingdom tax and who settled here a few days after the transfer, and another individual acting with precisely the same intention who settled here a few days before making an identical transfer.

The sensible time at which to consider the question of residence, he submitted, was the time at which the income from the transferred assets arose, and the avoidance of tax would, but for the section, take place.

His Lordship said that the crucial words were those in section 739(1) which stated that the section was to "have effect for the purpose of preventing the avoiding by individuals ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom of liability to income tax by means of transfer of assets" coupled with the identification, in section 739(2), of "such an individual" as the subject of liability.

What could the words "such an individual" refer to save for an individual of the kind described in subsection (1), that was an individual ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom seeking to avoid liability by means of transfers of assets?

The view taken in *Vestey v Inland Revenue Commissioners* ([1980] AC 1148) that the individual to be charged under section 739 had to be the individual who made the transfer led inevitably to the conclusion that the individual concerned had to be the only type of transferor with which the section was concerned, and that was a transferor ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom.

His Lordship accepted that in consequence, the immigrant tax avoider who made his dispositions before taking up residence in this country would escape liability under the section. But it would be fruitless to speculate whether that consequence was foreseen and accepted, or arose through inadvertence.

His Lordship would not, in any event, regard it as sufficiently astonishing in itself to cast doubt on the natural meaning of the words used.

In the case of the other two bonds, which were taken out after the taxpayers had become ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom, section 739 was plainly applicable unless it was displaced by section 741 of the 1988 Act [where the taxpayer had shown that tax avoidance was not one of the purposes of the transaction].

The principal feature distinguishing a personal portfolio bond from other bonds issued by Royal Life was that the purchaser of the personal portfolio bond retained the ability to choose, switch and manage the investments comprised in the fund to which the bond was linked.

Personal portfolio bonds amounted to some 2 per cent of the total of bonds issued by Royal Life, the remainder being bonds linked to what was described as a fixed menu of investments, selected by Royal Life. It was only the personal portfolio bonds which were regarded by the Revenue as falling foul of section 739. The remainder, it was accepted, were exempt by reasons of section 741(a).

Mr Henderson had submitted that the underlying reality of the matter was that the holder of the Royal Life personal portfolio bond continued to manage and benefit from his own portfolio of investments, but by the insertion of the bond structure he escaped tax on the income and gains from those investments as they arose.

Parliament could not sensibly have intended the statutory taxation regime for offshore life policies to apply in such circumstances, so the purpose of an investor in such bonds could not be characterised as mere tax mitigation.

There was a basic fallacy in that argument. It lay in the proposition that the underlying reality was that the holder of the bond continued to manage and benefit from his own portfolio of investments.

As Lord Hoffmann had pointed out in the course of argument, so far from the underlying investments being owned by the bond holder, he had no legal or equitable interest in them whatever.

The allocation of investment units to the bond for which the policy provided was purely notional. Units were referred to solely for the purpose of computing benefits under the policy. The reality was that the bond holder had a contractual right to the benefits promised by the policy, no more and no less.

It was therefore quite wrong to describe the bond holder as having, in the words of the commissioners' printed case "in substance all the advantages of direct personal ownership without the tax disadvantages". The significance of that misdescription would become all too apparent if, perish the thought, Royal Life were to become insolvent and unable to meet its obligations to the bond holders.

That fallacy went to the heart of the Revenue's case. For the attack which they had launched against Royal Life bond holders was limited to those who held personal portfolio bonds, that was to say bonds under which the bond holder had effective control of the investment policy, the Revenue accepting that the remaining offshore bonds issued by Royal Life did not involve the avoidance of tax.

The personal portfolio bond holder might fare better or worse in terms of benefits by reason of his control over investment policy than did his fellow bond holder with the standard type of bond, but the difference between them had nothing to do with tax or with tax avoidance. There was no reason why Parliament should have intended to distinguish between them in fiscal terms.

In agreement with the Court of Appeal, his Lordship would affirm the decision of the special commissioner upholding the taxpayers' claim for exemption under section 741(a). It was unnecessary to decide whether he had been equally entitled to hold that they had established their claim to the protection conferred by section 741(b).

Lord Mustill, Lord Hoffmann, Lord Clyde and Lord Hutton agreed.

Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Revenue; Speechly Bircham.

Repeated adjournments not apt

In re Williams (a Bankrupt)

Where a bankruptcy petition had been presented and the debtor had indicated that he could repay his debts by instalments, but there was no reasonable prospect that he would make full repayment within a reasonable time, it was not open to the court to grant repeated adjournments of the bankruptcy proceedings.

Mr Justice Lloyd so held in the Chancery Division on June 13, allowing an appeal by Vincent Sydney Judd, a petitioning creditor, against the decision of District Judge Hollis in Hastings County Court adjourning the further hearing of Mr Judd's bankruptcy petition against John Anthony Williams.

HIS LORDSHIP referred to *In re a Debtor (No 72 of 1982), Ex parte Mumford Leasing Ltd v The Debtor* ([1984] 1 WLR 1143).

He said that the practice of granting repeated adjournments, however understandable, was one which had profoundly unsatisfactory consequences, namely to impose upon the creditor an ad hoc voluntary arrangement to which he would not have agreed and which would not deal comprehensively with the debts, would not ensure that assets were distributed pari passu and would expose him to the risk that other petitions might be presented.

If the debtor were then adjudged bankrupt, and it was found that the creditor had been overpaid relative to other creditors, he might have to return to the estate the repayments received for distribution pari passu.

Had the district judge appreciated those matters, he could not have made the order he did.

Accordingly, the appeal would be allowed and a bankruptcy order made.

Negotiation costs not deductible

Couch (Inspector of Taxes) v Administrators of the estate of Caton, deceased

Before Lord Justice Stuart-Smith, Lord Justice Morritt and Lord Justice Schiemann

[Judgment June 19]

Professional costs incurred by administrators in negotiating a share valuation with the Inland Revenue and pursuing an appeal against a subsequent assessment to capital gains tax were not cost incurred in ascertaining the market value of the shares so as to be deductible under section 32(2)(b) of the Capital Gains Tax Act 1979, now contained in section 38 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains 1992.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment in dismissing an appeal by the taxpayers, the administrators of the estate of Mr Philip S. Caton, deceased, from the decision of Mr Justice Rimer (*The Times* December 28, 1995; [1996] STC 201) that had reversed a decision of a special commissioner by holding that the costs of pursuing an appeal against an assessment to capital gains tax following a disposal of shares in 1988 were not deductible.

Mr William Massey, QC, for the taxpayers; Mr Launcelot Henderson, QC, for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE MORRITT said that at his death in September 1987 Mr Caton had owned shares in Yorkshire Switchgear Group Ltd. In April 1988 the shares were sold by the taxpayers for £3.27 million.

The Revenue had assessed the taxpayers to capital gains tax of £494,430 on the footing that the shares had a value of 35p on the date of Mr Caton's death. The taxpayers had contended for a value at that date of 50p or 80p.

After lengthy negotiations an appeal was heard, the special commissioner determining a market value of 56p and allowing the professional costs incurred by the taxpayers up to and including the hearing of the appeal as an allowable deduction.

Mr Justice Rimer determined that such costs were not costs and expenses deductible for the purposes of section 32(2)(b).

The issue was one of the proper construction of section 32(2)(b) in the context of the 1979 Act as a whole. The section prescribed that which could be deducted in computing the chargeable gain. The material words were those permitting deduction of "costs reasonably incurred in making any valuation ... for the purposes of the computation" and "expenses reasonably incurred in ascertaining market value".

In the light of the taxpayers' argument, the first point to be made was that the words "wholly and exclusively" appearing in section 32(2) in relation to expenditure incurred for the purposes of the acquisition were not to be read as governing the provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b) of the subsection.

The contrast between the costs of producing accounts from which to compute profits and the conduct of a tax controversy with the Crown was first drawn by Lord Greene, Master of the Rolls, in *Rushden Heel Co Ltd v Keene* ([1948] 2 All ER 378) and adopted by the majority in the House of Lords in *Smith's Potato Estates Ltd v Bolland* ([1948] AC 508). The draftsman of the relevant provisions in the Finance Act 1965 must have been aware that that was where the line had to be drawn.

It was common ground that the draftsman intended to provide for a right in the field of capital gains tax broadly equivalent to the concession in the field of income tax. But he had intended to go no further than that and permit deduction of all costs incurred by a taxpayer in and prior to the final determination of the market value of the asset. Such a right would be unique in the field of revenue law.

Moreover, the wording of section 32(2) reflected that intention. Reference in section 32(2)(b) to a valuation or an ascertainment of market value was not a reference to the final and indisputable valuation or ascertainment which might only emerge after extensive litigation.

To construe the paragraph as the taxpayers suggested would be a positive deterrent to reaching a sensible agreement with the Revenue as to quantum of liability. It would give rise to the absurd position that on an appeal against an assessment which had failed, the assessment would nevertheless require reduction to take account of such costs of the unsuccessful appeal as had been reasonably incurred.

The costs and expenses which a taxpayer could deduct pursuant to section 32(2)(b) in respect of any particular disposal were limited to those which he incurred in complying with his obligations under section 12 of the Taxes Management Act 1970 and did not extend to costs incurred in negotiating over or contesting his liability to capital gains tax arising out of that disposal.

The effect of, but not the reasons for that conclusion was to preclude the deduction of costs by a taxpayer in conducting a tax controversy with the Inland Revenue.

Lord Justice Stuart-Smith and Lord Justice Schiemann agreed.

Solicitors: Brooke North & Goodwin, Leeds; Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

Duty to tell foster parents about child

W and Others v Essex County Council and Another

Before Mr Justice Hooper

[Judgment July 7]

A social worker placing a child with foster parents had a duty of care to provide to the foster parents, before and during the placement, such information about the child as a reasonable social worker would provide in all the circumstances.

A written agreement made between a local authority and foster parents did constitute a contract and it was not contrary to public policy to give it binding effect.

Mr Justice Hooper so held in the Queen's Bench Division when striking out claims for misfeasance in public office and breach of contract, and declining to strike out claims for negligence and negligent misstatement, made by the plaintiffs, Mr and Mrs W and their four children, against Essex County Council and Anthony Golden.

Mr Allan Levy, QC and Mr Arnold Cooper for the plaintiffs; Mr Edward Faulks, QC and Mr Andrew Warnock for the council; Mr Jeremy Simison for the second defendant.

MR JUSTICE HOOPER said that Mr and Mrs W became full time adolescent foster parents for the council in 1991. Before accepting their first placement they sought and were given assurances by the council that they would not have placed with them any child who was a known or suspected sexual abuser. In 1992 they signed a specialist foster carer agreement with the council.

For about one month in 1993 they fostered a boy aged 15 named G who allegedly abused each of their children during his stay. The plaintiffs claimed that the council and the second defendant, their social worker, knew that G was an active sexual abuser and that the second defendant had lied to them about that.

The defendants had argued that it was not just and reasonable to impose a common law duty of care on them.

His Lordship considered the judgment of Lord Browne-Wilkinson in *X (Minors) v Bedfordshire County Council* ([1995] 2 AC 633) as well as *Stovin v Wise* ([1996] AC 923), *H v Norfolk County Council* ([1997] 1 FLR 384) and *Barrett v Enfield London Borough Council* (*The Times* April 22, 1997) and went on to analyse the relationship between a local authority and a foster parent, applying the public policy considerations set out in *X v Bedfordshire* (at pp749 to 751).

Although decisions concerning foster placements could be very delicate, his Lordship could not see, in fairness to the foster parents who played an important role in looking after children, that they should be denied information with which they should reasonably be provided. The imposition of a duty to provide information would not be against public policy.

A social worker placing a child with foster parents had a duty of care to provide to the foster parents, before and during the placement, such information about the child as a reasonable social worker would provide in all the circumstances, and a local authority was vicariously liable for the conduct of its social worker in that respect.

Accordingly, his Lordship declined to strike out the portions of the statement of claim that relied on that duty, as well as the claim for negligent misstatement.

The plaintiffs also claimed that the defendants' actions breached an implied term in the specialist foster carer agreement which was a contract.

The agreement was required under Schedule 2 to the Foster Placement (Children) Regulations (SI 1991 No 910).

It had all the usual features of a contract, being an agreement between the two parties, and including provision for payment of allowances and expenses.

The defendants submitted that the relationship between a local authority and foster parents was statutory and not contractual and that it would be contrary to public policy to give the agreement binding effect.

His Lordship rejected that argument, stating that the statutory position was not inconsistent with the agreement. The agreement did constitute a contract, although it did not contain the implied term contended for by the plaintiffs.

Solicitors: Sternberg Reed Taylor & Gill, Barking; Barlow Lyde & Gilbert; Wortley Redmayne & Kershaw, Chelmsford.

Correction

In *Fletcher Estates (Harlescott) Ltd v Secretary of State for the Environment* (*The Times* July 11) Mr Robin Purchas, QC and Mr Timothy Comyn appeared for the applicants; Mr Jeremy Sullivan and Mr Rabinder Singh for the first respondent.

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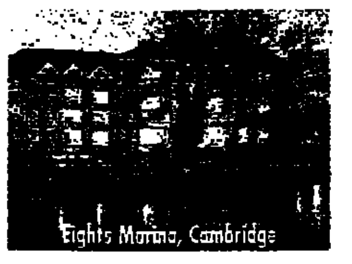

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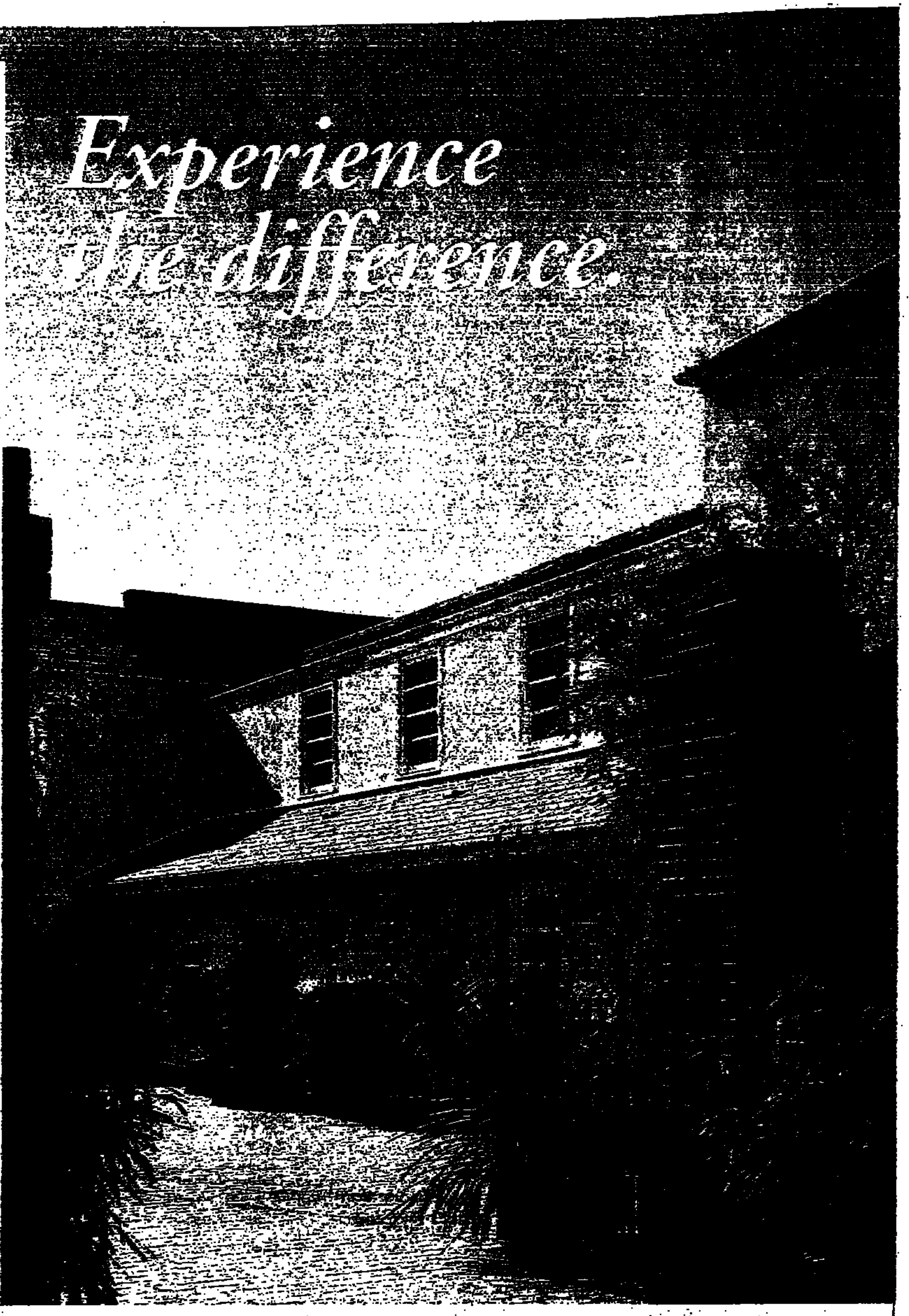

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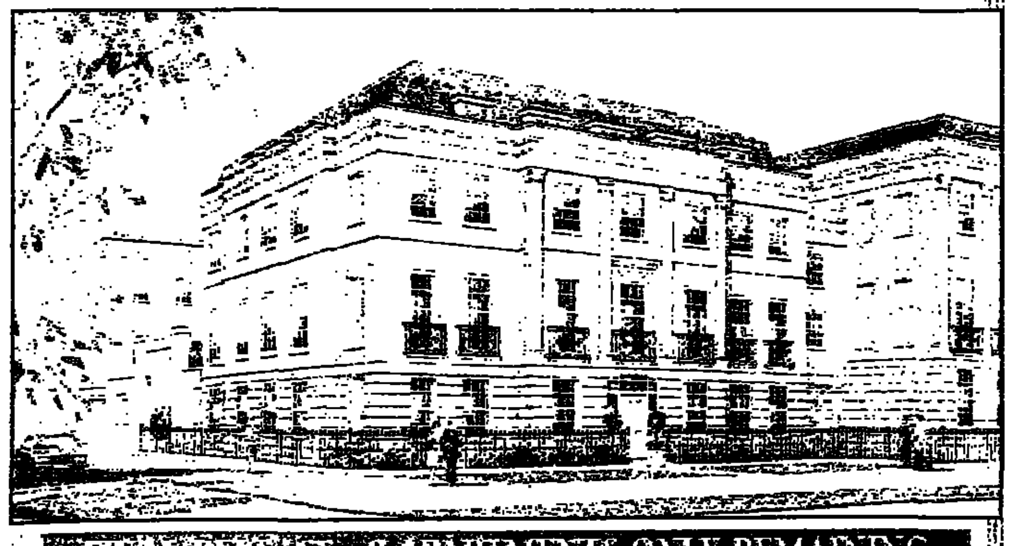

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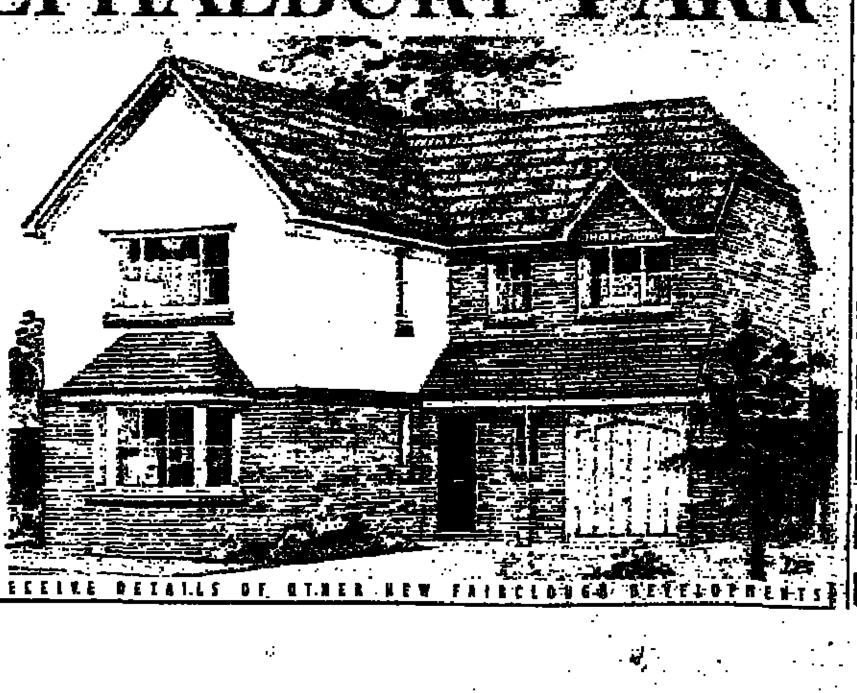

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Buying before the builders arrive

With prime new properties in short supply, purchasing off-plan is growing in popularity.

Amanda Loose looks at its benefits and dangers

It used to be a truth, universally acknowledged by property pundits, that the British would not buy "off-plan". But as the supply of prime properties has dwindled, buyers are now prepared to sign on the dotted line after seeing little more than an architect's drawing or a pile of bricks and mortar.

Linda Beaney, of Beaney Pearce, reckons British buyers now make up more than 50 per cent of off-plan buyers in some London developments, previously the preserve of overseas buyers.

Demand is across the board; from a modest £60,000 to almost £2 million, according to Paul Vallone of Berkeley Homes, who sold a six-bedroom house off-plan last year at the Barnes Waterside development, southwest London, for £1.9 million. Berkeley starts to market developments as soon as they have planning permission, to catch off-plan buyers.

Ms Beaney says: "We have seen a change in mood and priorities. New developments are fast becoming more popular, not least because of the shortage of prime properties on the market. If you buy in or before a rising market, then you can watch the investment grow during construction."

Jonathan Holman, of developers Regalian, agrees: "The shortage of prime new properties in sought-after locations is fuelling demand and buying off-plan allows people to fix a set price in a rising market. Securing somewhere in advance means that buyers have time to sell their property — and to know what they are doing."

The bespoke service offered by many developers, which means buyers can have some say in the internal layout or design of their property, is an added attraction, according to Mr Vallone. If involved in the early stages of a development, buyers can influence such vagaries as the design of kitchens, tiles, wall colours and plumbing fixtures and fittings.

Mr Holman reckons British buyers began to buy off-plan in earnest in spring 1996, and now make up the largest proportion of such purchasers. Regalian have just sold 92 of 93 units off-plan at Atlantic Wharf, in London's Docklands, to UK buyers. Half of these apartments will not be completed until August 1998.

So how do you go about it? Check that the prices quoted are fixed, says Jonathan Seal of Hamptons International.

> 'Securing somewhere in advance means that buyers have time to sell their property'

Pick your developer with care, and beware of schemes which do not carry NHBC warranties or its equivalent, says Ms Beaney. Use a solicitor who has experience of off-plan sales.

Nigel Steele of Strutt & Parker advises buyers to see the site or property being converted, and make sure that you understand the architect's plans.

He says: "A French couple were determined to buy a unit off plan at the Royal Naval Hospital in Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, unseen. They instructed their solicitor and paid the deposit. Three weeks later, they viewed the property, and decided to pull out.

"Buyers should visit the site and see previous developments by the builder. Ask plenty of questions to make sure you know exactly what you are getting. The biggest and best unit is sometimes the show house, and buyers sometimes don't realise that they are getting a smaller version. Get independent advice so that you understand the plans."

'Also check the floor area quoted and find out if it includes a balcony or terrace, says Ms Beaney. If it does, then make sure the actual living space is large enough.

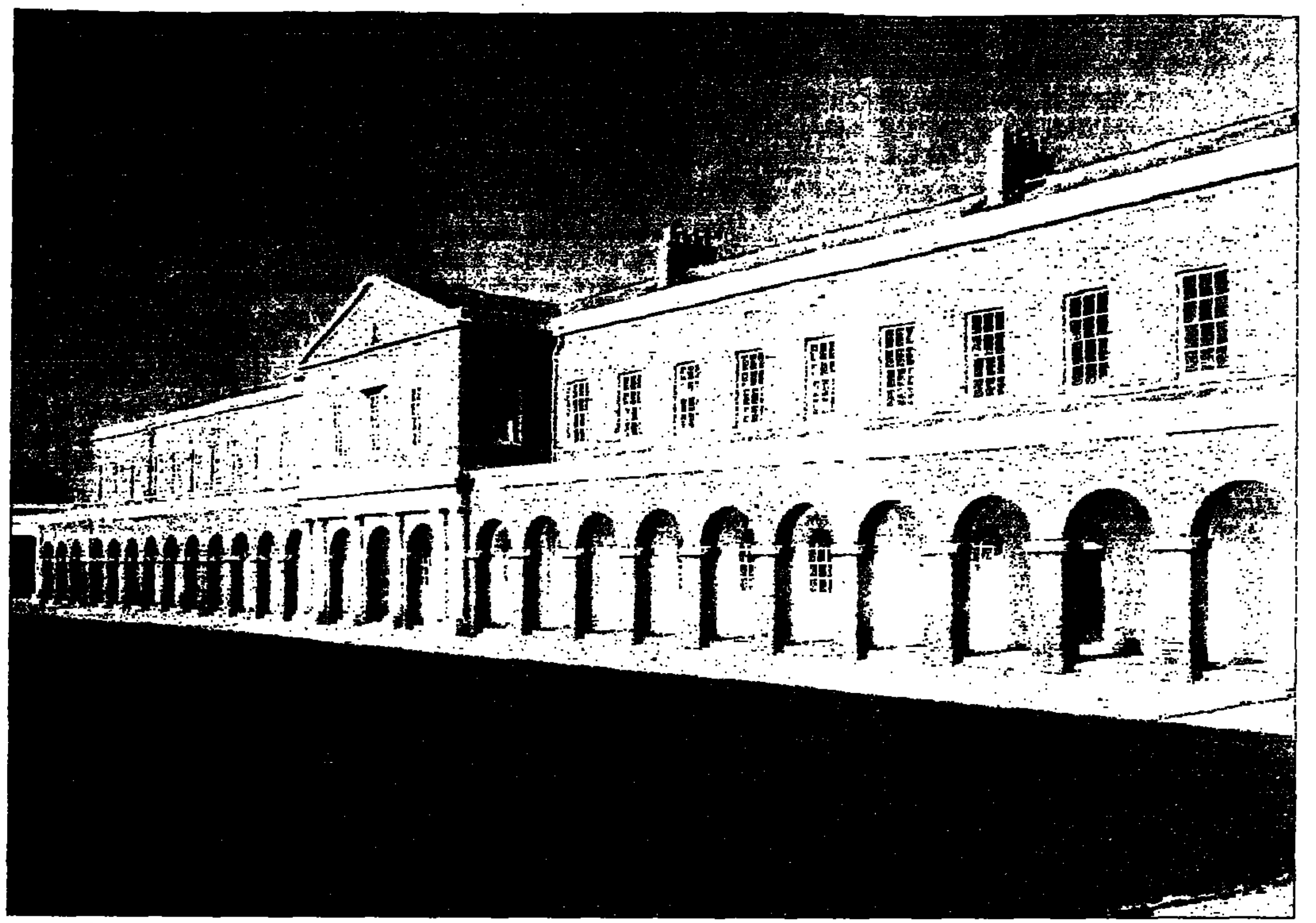
When it comes to payment, developers often ask for a reservation deposit, perhaps £500, says Mr Taylor. Your solicitor will then be sent contracts, which are exchanged after 21 and 28 days, when you will be expected to pay about 10 per cent of the total cost. The remainder is payable on completion.

Stage payments are a second method of payment. Buyers pay a deposit and then a fixed amount every few months as the development progresses, perhaps 5 per cent. This method is used less often, usually for overseas sales, according to Stephen Briegel of Allen Briegel in Putney.

Ms Beaney says: "Make sure there is a method by which you can be certain the appropriate stage has been reached. Otherwise you may find you pay an unreasonable amount, only to find the scheme behind schedule. Buyers should also ensure schemes are underwritten by the NHBC or Zurich Municipal. Be aware of your rights of rescindment of contract in the event of delay in construction."

Get the minutiae written into the contract, down to the make of fridges and door handles, advises Mr Taylor. Ensure you are not required to complete the purchase before all necessary amenities such as porterage are available.

Above all, keep in touch with your developer and view the property a month before completion, says Mr Taylor.



A couple who bought a unit at the Royal Naval Hospital in Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, pulled out three weeks later after viewing the property

Hospital's patient buyers

The old Brompton hospital will become family homes

NORTHACRE, the company which is transforming the old Brompton hospital in west London into residential property, has already sold 41 of the 78 apartments off-plan, *Katherine Bergen writes.*

The new blocks, which flank the main building, are scheduled for completion in December next year and the main building itself in January 1999. British buyers account for 65 per cent of sales and 70 per cent are intended for owner occupation.

Jackie Stewart, who already owns a flat in Northacres's Observatory Gardens development, was one of the first to reserve a unit "sight unseen". But, according to John Hunter who co-founded Northacre in 1988, the intention is to sell all the units off-plan. "With previous developments we have withheld 25 per cent of the more expensive units because they sell very well as a finished product, when buyers gets the chance to see the overall development. But we expect most of The Bromptons to be sold before completion," he says.

Mr Hunter says that some of the smaller units have gone to Asian buyers for rental investment, but that most people who have reserved units intend to live on the site. "Because many of the units have at least three bedrooms they really can be family homes."

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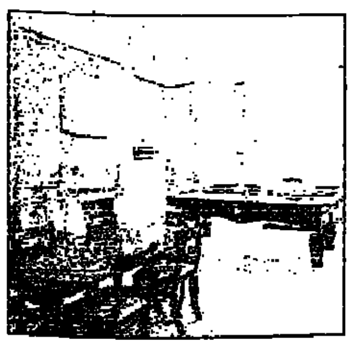

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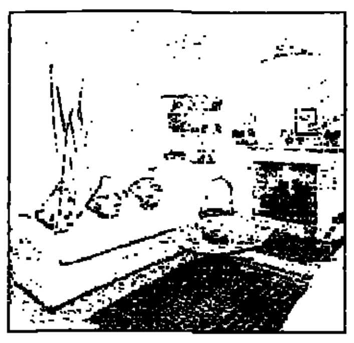

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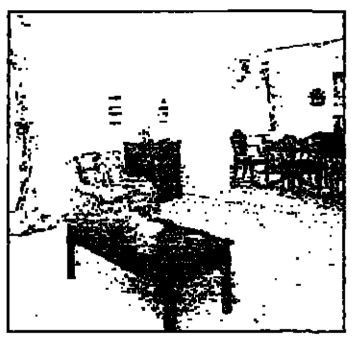

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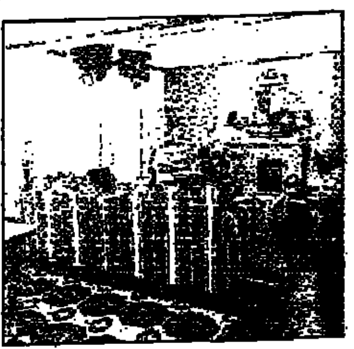

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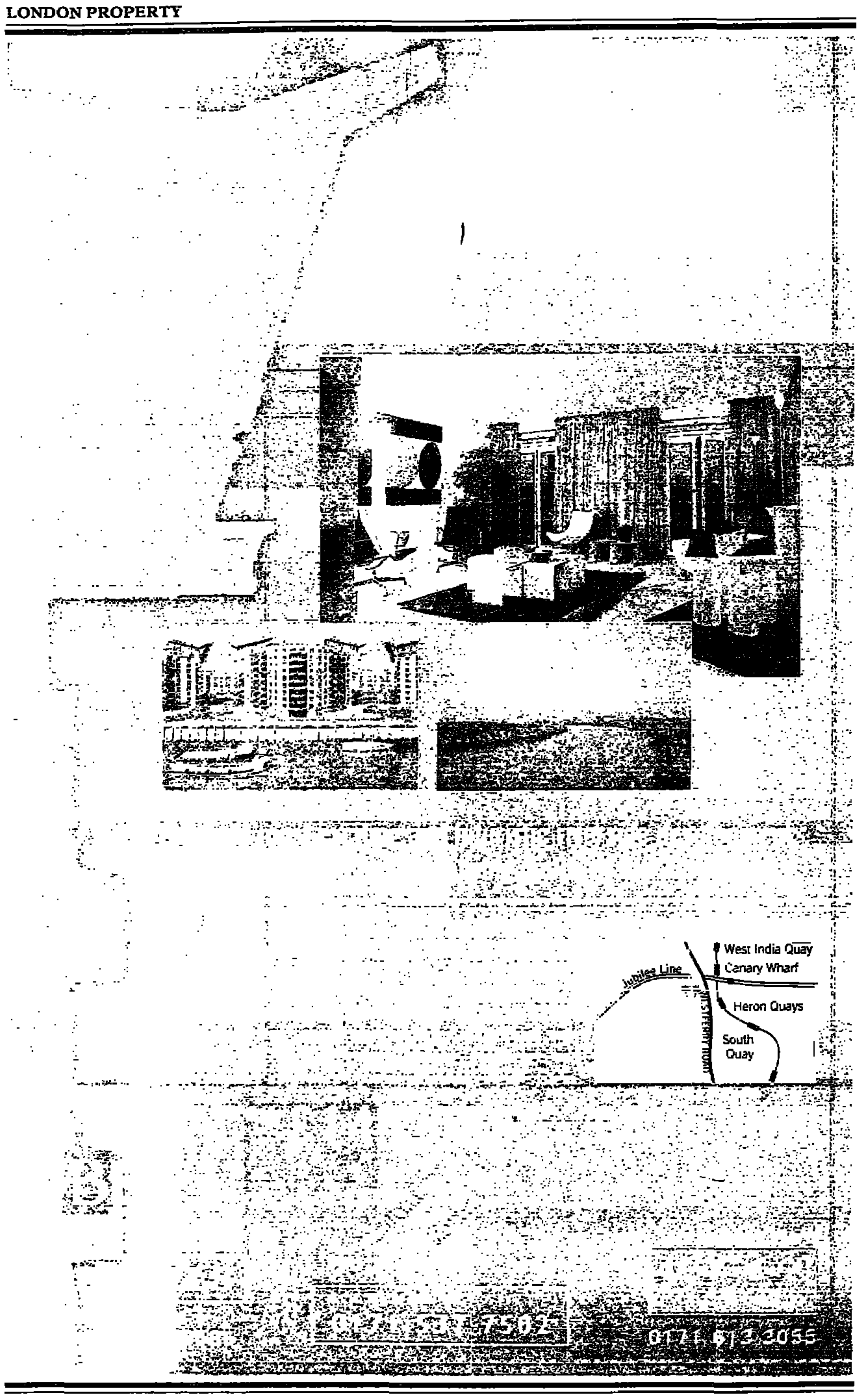

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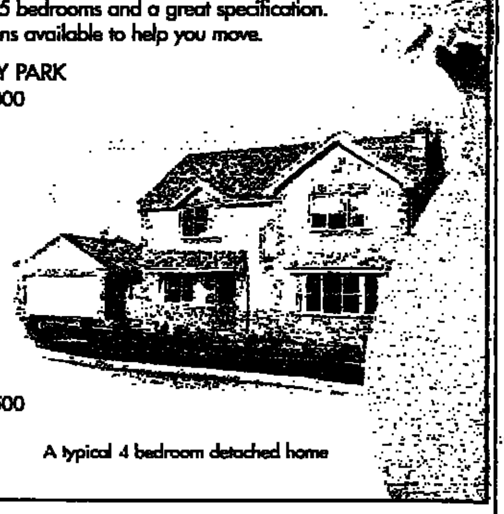

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RACING: LORD WYATT BOWS OUT WITH RECORD PROFITS

Jones intent on increasing Tote's off-course turnover

By Chris McGrath

Jones: understated

WITH his successor sitting patiently beside him, the outgoing Tote chairman yesterday demanded that the record profits he was announcing be doubled inside "two or three years". It was a brusque indication that Lord Wyatt appears finally to have discovered, after 21 years, what his critics have long suspected — that the Tote does indeed have the potential to lead racing out of its funding maze.

Many feel that the Tote under Wyatt has been too meek, in contrast to his own autocratic style. But he retorts that he has bequeathed the means to realise the sport's most ambitious ends. After much delay, Peter Jones takes over on August 1, yet it was appropriate that Wyatt should be able to preside over a final annual report — clinging doggedly to the credit for a thoroughly upbeat set of figures. A much satirised figure in racing, yesterday he sought the last laugh. "I know Peter Jones will do a good job," he said. "He has a good hand to play. He must succeed."

Wyatt certainly leaves the Tote in the rudest financial health, and — with Tote Direct terminals in 4,500 betting shops by the autumn — there is a buoyant air of expectation greeting the new regime. For instance, Wyatt yesterday made it clear that the Tote would be willing to ease the passage of any bid for William Hill by Bass, owners of Coral (the first big firm to embrace Tote Direct). Bass could expect to be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, and Wyatt indicated that the Tote, which owns 209 shops, would be prepared to take no fewer than 100 Hills shops out of the equation.

William Hill remains the last of the big bookmakers to resist Tote Direct, the recruitment of Ladbrokes in February being savoured in an annual report detailing profits up by 21 per cent to £12.8 million. The same month, Parliament permitted the Tote to join bookmakers in betting on the Irish Lottery and 49s, the daily numbers game.

This growth area is energetically promoted by the big bookmakers, as the turnover generated is not subject to racing's levy. All the Tote's profits, by contrast, go to racing. Its contribution to the sport was also a record, up five per cent to £8.7 million.

With ongoing investment in software, Wyatt said: "I'm certain that within two or three years the Tote should be making a profit of £25 million available to racing."

Next to Wyatt, with his ostentatious Havana and bow-tie, Jones makes for an appealing contrast, understated and down-to-earth. He quietly restored a sense of perspective to the Tote's achievements — and its future endeavours, starting with a new "superbet" next year.

"The Tote at present takes less than one per cent of the off-course market," he said. "I would like to see that share grow to four or five per cent plus during my time as chairman. That will require the full distribution of Tote Direct, and we will have to produce new bets and market them effectively."

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Almushtarak can land the spoils

SANDOWN PARK
CHANNEL 4

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

2.05: Rokeby Bowl stays well but is vulnerable to an improving horse with a bit of toe. **Khawafi**, who romped away with his Goodwood maiden, fits the bill. Technicolour, narrow winner of her only start at Chepstow last season, is the other unexposed possibility.

2.35: Of the two smart performers to miss last season, Dettori appears to favour Lord Of Men, but his training problems are discouraging on this fast ground. Equally, Helicon changed his legs on it at Newbury. Ismaros finished with a flourish in a big field at Windsor, but Michael Stoute is prepared to reoppose with **Silence Reigns**, who might easily have been found a handicap instead.

3.10: This could go to a horse who has improved for his new stable — not Red Robbo, up 6lb for winning the Royal Hunt Cup, but **Almushtarak**. A line through Ramooz, who shaded him in a group race at Newmarket last time, would appear to limit his chances, as Ramooz was held in seventh at Ascot off the same mark as Almushtarak today. But Almushtarak may prove better suited by this stiff mile. Among those reopposing Red Robbo, Gold Spats is worth another chance. Cosmic Prince's stamina is suspect.

3.40: Tudor Island goes well round here, as he confirmed on his reappearance, but there could be better value about another course and distance winner, **Midyan Blue**. A close third at York, he does look well treated after being dropped another 3lb for not staying last time.

CHRIS MCGRATH

SANDOWN PARK

THUNDERER

2.05 Rokeby Bowl
2.35 Bahamian Knight
3.10 Fly To The Stars
3.40 Midyan Blue
4.10 Radar
4.40 **FAITH ALONE** (nap)

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.05 KHAWAFI (nap). 2.35 Lord Of Men. 3.10 Cosmic Prince.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form. F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified. Horse's name. Days since last outing. J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — TOTE JACKPOT MEETING
DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE — SIS

2.05 SINO GROUP DRAGON TROPHY STAKES (C4)
(£6,710: 1m 3f 91yd) (5 runners)

101 (5) 5-02530 FORZA FIGLIO 28 (S) [illegible] 4-9-5 Pat Eddery 95
102 (1) 5-32606 ROKEBY BOWL 11 (C,G) (F Mellon) I Balding 5-9-5 L Dettori [illegible]
103 (4) 51450-3 SMART PLAY 20 (G) [illegible] 4-9-5 T Quinn 98
104 (5) 561 KHAWAFI 34 (G) (H al-Maktoum) E Dunlop 3-8-7 D O'Donohoe (3) 94
105 (2) 1- TECHNICOLOUR 267 (S) (Lord Weinstock) M Stoute 3-8-4 J Reid 92

BETTING: 7-4 Technicolour, 11-4 Khawafi, 3-1 Forza Figlio, 4-1 Rokeby Bowl, 12-1 Smart Play.

1996: EVA LUNA 4-9-4 A McGlone (4-6 fav) H Cecil 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

FORZA FIGLIO [illegible] 3rd of 5 to Sharp Shuffle in Goodwood handicap (1m, good to firm). ROKEBY BOWL 2l 6th of 16 to Zaralaska in Old Newton Cup Handicap at Haydock (1m 4f, good). SMART PLAY 9l 3rd of 5 to Meshhed in Salisbury conditions race (1m 6f, soft). KHAWAFI beat Song Of Freedom 4l in 12-runner Goodwood maiden (1m 2f, good to firm). TECHNICOLOUR beat Summerosa head in 16-runner Chepstow maiden (7f, soft), [illegible]. Selection: ROKEBY BOWL

2.35 HSBC TROPHY STAKES (£6,359: 1m 2f) (6 runners) (C4)

201 (5) 201600- BAHAMIAN KNIGHT 325 (F) (Lucayan Stud) D Loder 4-9-3 T Quinn 92
202 (4) 61111 LORD OF MEN 17 (F,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 4-9-3 L Dettori 93
203 (2) 12 HELICON 49 (G) (Godolphin) [illegible] 4-9-3 Pat Eddery [illegible]
204 (1) 1 ISMAROS 20 (D,G) (L Marinopoulos) H Cecil 3-8-10 W Ryan 72
205 (6) 21 SILENCE REIGNS 16 (D,S) (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute 3-8-10 J Reid 75
206 (3) 15-3240 PAPUA 39 (F) (P & E Hennessy) I Balding 3-8-4 M Roberts 93

BETTING: 11-8 Lord Of Men, 9-2 Helicon, 5-1 Ismaros, Papua, 7-1 Silence Reigns, 10-1 Bahamian Knight.

1996: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

BAHAMIAN KNIGHT 6½l 9th to Tot Ou Tard in group III Gordon Stakes at Goodwood (1m 4f, good to firm) July 96. LORD OF MEN beat With Fascination 1l in group I Prix de la Salamandre at Longchamp (7f, heavy) Sep 95. HELICON ½l 2nd of 5 to Cap Juluca in Newbury conditions race (1m 2f, good to firm). ISMAROS beat SILENCE REIGNS neck in Windsor maiden (1m 2f, good to firm). PAPUA last of 12 to Benny The Dip in Derby (1m 4f, good). Selection: LORD OF MEN

3.10 HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB TROPHY (C4)
(Handicap: £51,650: 1m 14yd) (18 runners)

301 (5) 6-43503 AMRAK AJEEB 17 (BF,D,F,G,S) (A Merza) B Hanbury 5-9-11 M Rimmer 95
302 (9) 410-502 ALMUSHTARAK 18 (D,F,G) (H Al-Maktoum) K Mahdi 4-9-9 Paul Eddery 92
303 (2) 6-62206 LONELY LEADER 28 (F) (S Suhail) R Hannon 4-9-5 Dane O'Neill 96
304 (1) 10-1520 BOLD WORDS 28 (D,F,G,S) (M al-Maktoum) E Dunlop 3-9-5 M Roberts 98
305 (10) 2-12541 FLY TO THE STARS 29 (D,F) (P Savill) M Johnston 3-9-1 Pat Eddery 96
306 (14) 510-210 HAWKSLEY HILL 28 (V,D,F,G) (P Morrison) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-1 J Fortune 95
307 (12) 45-13 HORNBEAM 28 (S) (P Parker) J Jenkins 3-8-13 R Cochrane 94
308 (8) 100-310 GOLD SPATS 28 (D,F,S) (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute 4-8-12 J Reid 96
309 (13) 21-241 HARRY WOLTON 37 (D,F) (Old Road Securities Plc) H Cecil 3-8-12 W Ryan 93
310 (11) 01-6401 CLAN BEN 11 (CD,F,S) (Angus Dundee Plc) H Cecil 5-8-11 (4ex) J Lowe [illegible]
311 (18) 530-01 RED ROBBO 28 (D,F) (Lucayan Stud) R Akehurst 4-8-11 T Quinn 97
312 (6) -500050 CONCER UN 6 (CD,F,G,S) (Miss L Ward) S C Williams 5-8-10 J F Egan 95
313 (15) 126-544 MY LEWICIA 20 (D,S) (G Knight) P Harris 4-8-9 C Lowther (7) 92
314 (7) 1561000 SUPERCAL 18 (F,G,S) (Caledonian Racing Society) D Elsworth 3-8-8 D Holland 94
315 (3) 1122-24 DANCING IMAGE 28 (BF,D,F,G) (The Queen) I Balding 4-8-6 L Dettori 98
316 (4) 01-3400 SAIFAN 28 (B,D,F,G) (Mrs L Bicoli) D Morris 8-8-5 N Day 92
317 (16) 631-31 COSMIC PRINCE 40 (F,G) (Cosmic Greyhound Plc) M Jarvis 3-8-5 G Duffield 95
319 (17) 3-031 RIGHT WING 25 (D,S) (Earl Cadogan) W Hern 3-8-4 T Sprake 91

BETTING: 6-1 Red Robbo, 7-1 Dancing Image, 8-1 Hawksley Hill, Clan Ben, 10-1 Fly To The Stars, Gold Spats, Cosmic Prince, Right Wing, 12-1 others.

1996 (run over 1m 2f): SHEER DANZIG 4-8-7 W Woods (10-1) R Armstrong 20 ran

FORM FOCUS

LONELY LEADER ¾l 2nd of 16 to Autumn Cover in *Jubilee Handicap at Kempton (1m, good)* with GOLD SPATS (9lb worse) short-head 3rd and CONCER UN (5lb better) 6¾l 9th. FLY TO THE STARS beat Komi 1¾l in Britannia Handicap at Royal Ascot (1m, good). HAWKSLEY HILL beat LONELY LEADER (2lb better) 2l in Newbury handicap (1m, good to firm) with SAIFAN (2lb better) 2l 3rd. HORNBEAM 3l 3rd of 20 to Among Men in Jersey Stakes at Royal Ascot (7f, good to firm) with SUPERCAL (5lb better) 2¾l 7th. RED ROBBO beat Crown Court ¾l in the 32-runner Royal Hunt Cup at Royal Ascot (1m, good to firm) with DANCING IMAGE (4lb better) ¾l 4th, LONELY LEADER (6lb better) about 1¾l 6th, HAWKSLEY HILL (6lb better) 6l 14th, GOLD SPATS (5lb better) 4l 19th, BOLD WORDS 3l 25th and SAIFAN (6lb better). Selection: HORNBEAM (nap)

3.40 SING TAO TROPHY (Handicap: £7,100: 1m 6f) (9) (C4)

401 (3) 31/ BIMSEY 18J (D,F) (Mrs J Ryan) R Akehurst 7-10-0 T Quinn —
402 (9) 2003-42 SILENTLY 22 (F,S) (G Seasoni) J King 5-9-10 R Ffrench (5) 95
403 (8) 0001140 MAZUREK 11 (F) (Kommac Plc) M Pipe 4-9-7 Paul Eddery 98
404 (5) 413-103 BOWCLIFFE COURT 11 (F,S) (A Spence) R Akehurst 5-9-7 D Denby (7) 92
405 (7) 23230-2 TUDOR ISLAND 32 (CD,F,G,S) (D Sell) C Brittain 8-9-5 B Doyle 95
406 (4) 33-2132 PERCY ISLE 25 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 3-9-1 J Reid 91
407 (2) -030300 MIDYAN BLUE 29 (CD,G,S) (K Palmer) J Eustace 7-9-11 R Cochrane [illegible]
408 (1) 50-3015 SHINING DANCER 29 (F,G) (Lakemaha Partnership) S Dow 5-8-10 J F Egan 97
409 (6) 0243 GEORGIA VENTURE 22 (Dr F Chao) S Woods 3-8-2 G Duffield 97

BETTING: 4-1 Percy Isle, 9-2 Tudor Island, 5-1 Bimsey, 13-2 Bowcliffe Court, 7-1 Mazurek, Shining Dancer, 8-1 Silently, Georgia Venture, 10-1 Midyan Blue.

1996: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

SILENTLY short-head 2nd to Dancing Cavalier in Warwick handicap (1m 7f, good). MAZUREK 6l 4th *to Zaralaska in Bessborough Handicap at Royal Ascot* (1m 4f, good to firm). BOWCLIFFE COURT beat Embryonic ¾l in Warwick handicap (1m 7f, good to firm). TUDOR ISLAND ¾l 2nd of 9 to Siege Perilous in course and distance handicap (good to firm). PERCY ISLE 6l 2nd to In Question *in Ayr handicap (1m 7f, good)*. SHINING DANCER beat Inchcailloch 1¾l in 10-runner Kempton handicap (2m, good). Selection: SHINING DANCER

4.10 TIN TIN DAILY NEWS TROPHY MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,648: 7f 16yd) (15 runners)

501 (4) 52 COMMANDER CHARLIE 19 (D Watson) I Balding 9-0 Pat Eddery 95
502 (8) 50 DARING NEWS 4 (C Hamer) R Hannon 9-0 Dane O'Neill 85
503 (15) 0 FAIR GAME 34 (Mrs D Snowden) J Dunlop 9-0 B Doyle —
504 (3) KING'S HUSSAR (W Ponsonby) P Cole 9-0 M Rimmer —
505 (2) LORD WARFORD (P Richardson) G Balding 9-0 R Price —
506 (13) 55 MIDDLE TEMPLE 23 (Serendipity Partnership) E Dunlop 9-0 W Ryan 23
507 (5) 024 OUTSOURCING 8 (B Gover Bloodstock Trading Ltd) P Cole 9-0 T Quinn [illegible]
508 (10) PORTHILLY BUOY (Porthilly Partners) M Haynes 9-0 M Roberts —
509 (9) PRODIGAL SON (R Morris Jr) P Williams 9-0 G Duffield —
510 (7) 5 RADAR 18 (J Sims) M Jarvis 9-0 R Cochrane 94
511 (11) 00 SHANNON'S SECRET 23 (Mrs S Tucker) B Meehan 9-0 R Hughes 70
512 (12) 6 SIMLET 23 (Mrs D Allen) W Jarvis 9-0 J Reid 73
513 (5) ZADA (B Fennick) C L Moore 9-0 M Wigham —
514 (14) 3 CELESTIAL BAY 12 (Benham Racing) A Foster 8-9 T Sprake 83
515 (1) SAFEDAH (Sheikh A al-Maktoum) J Gosden 8-9 L Dettori —

BETTING: 3-1 Saeedah, 4-1 Outsourcing, 9-2 Commander Charlie, 6-1 Middle Temple, Radar, 10-1 others.

1996: ISLE OF MAN 9-0 T Quinn (11-10 fav) P Cole 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

COMMANDER CHARLIE ¾l 2nd of 5 to Conectis in Goodwood novice event (6f, soft). DARING NEWS 8¾l 7th of 14 to Faith in Salisbury maiden (7f, good to firm). MIDDLE TEMPLE 4l 5th of 10 to Anda At Dawn in Nottingham maiden (6f, soft) with SIMLET 1¾l 6th. OUTSOURCING 1¼l 2nd of 9 to Crazee Mental in Hamilton maiden (6f, good). RADAR 1¾l 5th of 10 to The Glow-Worm in Newmarket maiden (7f, soft). Selection: RADAR

4.40 CHEVALIER TROPHY (Handicap: £3,534: 5f 6yd) (11 runners)

601 (8) 03-6000 HOH RETURNS 26 (F) (D Abbott) M Bell 4-10-0 L Dettori 92
602 (6) 0520110 WHITE EMIR 11 (B,CD,F,G,S) (Three Bears Racing) B Meehan 4-10-6 Pat Eddery 50
603 (11) 1121-45 CLAN CHIEF 11 (BF,CD,F,G) (P Lowe) J Arnold 4-9-13 T Quinn 91
604 (4) 5-21400 KILCULLEN LAD 6 (V,D,F) (G Tobin) P Mooney 3-9-11 D R McCabe 92
605 (9) 0-00400 TAOISTE 21 (D,G) (P Chung Woo) R Armstrong 4-9-11 R Price 91
606 (7) 1-00260 LORD HIGH ADMIRAL 19 (CD,F,G,S) (Elite) M Heaton-Ellis 9-9-10 M Roberts [illegible]
607 (5) 00-4151 FAITH ALONE 13 (F,S) (Mrs R Hexter) C Wall 4-9-8 R Mullen (5) 96
608 (2) 2033134 WILLOW DALE 8 (D,F,S) (M Jackson Bloodstock) D Elsworth 4-9-7 R Cochrane 97
609 (10) 41-6005 MASTER OF PASSION 18 (D,F,G,S) (Mr & Mrs Keen) J Eustace 8-9-11 J Tate 93
610 (1) 2000000 DANDE FLYER 6 (BF,D,F,G) (Dandelion Distribution) D Arbuthnot 4-8-7 R Ffrench (5) 95
611 (3) 0140433 HALF TONE 18 (B,BF,CD,F,S) (Mrs G Terrmansman) R Flower 5-7-13 J Lowe 91

BETTING: 3-1 Faith Alone, 5-1 Clan Chief, 6-1 White Emir, Lord High Admiral, 8-1 Willow Dale, Master Of Passion, Half Tone, 10-1 others.

1996: MAGIC MAIL 5-9-13 Martin Dwyer (14-1) J Eustace 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

WHITE EMIR beat Pointer neck in 8-runner Salisbury handicap (5f, good to soft) with HALF TONE (4lb better off) ¾l 3rd. CLAN CHIEF about 3¾l 5th of 13 to *My Best Valentine* in course and distance handicap (good to soft) with WHITE EMIR 1¾l 8th. KILCULLEN LAD ½l 2nd of 10 to Polly Golightly in Lingfield handicap (5f, good to firm) with HALF TONE (21lb better off) 1l 4th and DANDE FLYER (26lb better off) 3l 7th. LORD HIGH ADMIRAL 2½l 2nd of 9 to Palacegate Touch in Doncaster claimer (5f, good). FAITH ALONE beat Don Pepe 4l in 10-runner Yarmouth handicap (6f, good to soft). WILLOW DALE beat Never Think Twice 5l in 14-runner Windsor handicap (6f, soft) with FAITH ALONE (1lb worse off) 4l 5th. Selection: CLAN CHIEF

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wnrs	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
S bin Suroor	7	14	50.0	J Tate	7	24	29.2
S Williams	4	10	40.0	Pat Eddery	56	259	21.6
M Johnston	11	49	22.4	L Dettori	44	214	20.6
J Gosden	22	107	20.6	M Roberts	26	174	14.9
Mrs J Ramsden	3	15	20.0	T Quinn	27	201	13.4

CATTERICK

THUNDERER

2.15 Lend A Hand. 2.45 Durgams First. 3.20 Bowcliffe Grange. 3.50 Sense Of Priority. 4.20 Mystique Air. 4.50 Hadidi.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — SIS
DRAW: 5F-7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.15 SWALE PASTURE NOVICE MEDIAN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,889: 7f) (12 runners)

1 41 BUZZ 23 (D,S) C Thornton 9-4 Dean McKeown 1
2 21 LEND A HAND 7 (S) M Johnston 9-4 J Weaver 9
3 CZAR WARS P Dalton 8-12 L Charnock 12
4 0600 MR FUND SWITCH 80 D Nicholls 8-12 Alex Greaves 11
5 060 ON THE MAT 12 J J O'Neill 8-12 J Carroll 8
6 6 WESTERN LORD 16 C Smith 8-12 P Fessey (3) 10
7 00 DOUGS DREAM 11 Mrs A Swinbank 8-7 S Sanders 7
8 00 GAY ABANDON 14 K McAuliffe 8-7 F Lynch 2
9 0 GOOD ON YER 30 S Kettlewell 8-7 J Fanning 3
10 MECCA PRINCESS R Whitaker 8-7 A Culhane 5
11 ROCKETTE J Watts 8-7 N Connorton 6
12 0 SILVER JOY 18 K McAuliffe 8-7 J Quinn 4

6-4 Lend A Hand, 7-4 Buzz, 8-1 Rockette, 14-1 Good On Yer, 16-1 Dougs Dream, 20-1 Gay Abandon, Mecca Princess, Silver Joy, 25-1 others.

2.45 ST. ANNES CLAIMING STAKES (£2,532: 1m 3f 214yd) (8)

1 4 SINGLE MAN 12 F Lee 4-9-12 R Lappin 2
2 1046 DURGAMS FIRST 13 (C,D,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 5-9-8 A Culhane 8
3 02/0 FOX SPARROW 28 (B,S) N Tinkler 7-9-8 J Weaver 6
4 50-4 HAVANA HEIGHTS 5 (C,F) J Eyre 4-9-1 M Gallagher 7
5 0306 LADY SILK 9 (F,S) Miss J Craze 5-9-1 S Webster 1
6 -360 PETIT FLORA 11 G Holmes 5-9-1 T Lucas 5
7 -426 RISKY ROSE 22 (C,D,F,G) R Hollinshead 5-9-1 D Griffiths (3) 3
8 0225 MY MILLIE 9 D Barker 4-8-13 T Williams 4

9-4 Havana Heights, 7-2 Durgams First, 4-1 My Millie, 13-2 Risky Rose, 8-1 Lady Silk, 10-1 Single Man, 12-1 Petit Flora, 20-1 Fox Sparrow.

3.20 LOW GREEN HANDICAP (£3,691: 5f) (9)

1 5410 SWAN AT WHALLEY 8 (D,G,S) R Fahey 5-9-13 R Winston (7) 7
2 0-10 PLEASURE TIME 48 (B,D,F,G) C Smith 4-9-6 P Fessey (3) 2
3 0010 RAMSEY HOPE 26 (V,D,F) C Fairhurst 4-9-5 J Weaver 8
4 4015 CAPTAIN CARAT 42 (B,CD,F,G) D Nicholls 6-9-5 Alex Greaves 9
5 2111 GORETSKI 9 (CD,F,S) N Tinkler 4-9-3 L Charnock 3
6 0045 JOHAYRO 2 (V,CD,F,G) J Goldie 4-9-2 J Quinn 6
7 0805 BOWCLIFFE GRANGE 84 (D,F,G) D Chapman 5-8-8 A Culhane 1
8 -010 BLAZING IMP 9 (D,S) Mrs J Jordan 4-8-8 J Carroll 9
9 3600 IMP EXPRESS 21 (D,F,G) G M Moore 4-7-11 N Carlisle 4

9-4 Goretski, 5-1 Ramsey Hope, 6-1 Swan At Whalley, Captain Carat, 8-1 Blazing Imp, 10-1 Pleasure Time, Bowcliffe Grange, 12-1 others.

3.50 COWSTAND BRIDGE SELLING STAKES (£2,320: 5f 212yd) (10)

1 2006 LOCH STYLE 39 (F) R Hollinshead 4-9-7 F Lynch 7
2 6420 SENSE OF PRIORITY 9 (CD,F,G) D Nicholls 8-9-7 Alex Greaves 10
3 2044 SILK COTTAGE 16 (V,F) R Whitaker 5-9-7 Dean McKeown 5
4 5060 SIR TASKER 44 (D,F,G) J L Harris 9-9-7 A Culhane 4
5 6010 DOCKLANDS CARRIAGE 37 (B,BF,CD,F,G) N Tinkler 3-9-2 Kim Tinkler 8
6 1400 HENRY THE HAWK 5 (B,D,F,S) M Dods 6-9-0 J Carroll 6
7 3508 SPOTTED EAGLE 26 (D,F) M Wane 4-9-0 A Whelan (3) 1
8 00-5 CHALICE 11 (G) Mrs A Swinbank 4-8-9 S Sanders 9
9 20 JUDDY 54 J O'Reilly 3-8-9 J O'Reilly 3
10 0000 MORNING STAR 16 (F) W McKeown 3-8-4 K Sked (5) 2

3-1 Sense Of Priority, 9-2 Docklands Carriage, 5-1 Spotted Eagle, 7-1 Silk Cottage, 8-1 Chalice, 10-1 Loch Style, Juddy, 12-1 others.

4.20 PALLETT HILL MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,448: 7f) (7)

1 0004 DAINTREE 28 H Collingridge 8-11 Dale Gibson 7
2 0000 JOYFUL JOY 11 B Baugh 8-11 N Carlisle 2
3 5 LA PERDOMA 20 Miss M Milligan 8-11 J Carroll 5
4 -2 MOON FAIRY 35 J G Smyth-Osbourne 8-11 S Sanders 6
5 5352 MYSTIQUE AIR 20 E Weymes 8-11 J Quinn 3
6 0 PISUM SATIVUM 41 J L Harris 8-11 A Culhane 1
7 -000 THEWRIGHTONE 34 (V) G Oldroyd 8-11 K Hodgson 4

5-4 Mystique Air, 7-4 Moon Fairy, 7-2 Daintree, 16-1 La Perdoma, 33-1 Pisum Sativum, 50-1 Joyful Joy, Thewrightone.

4.50 BECKSIDE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,018: 1m 3f 214yd) (10)

1 4234 MARSH MARIGOLD 12 (BF,F,S) J Hetherton 9-7 Jenny Benson (7) 8
2 0010 FULLOPEP 23 (BF,CD,F) Mrs M Reveley 9-5 F Lynch 5
3 0-65 HADIDI 23 D Morley 9-3 S Sanders 2
4 -106 CORAL ISLAND 25 (B,F) J Fitzgerald 8-12 J Carroll 1
5 0421 WILDMOOR 15 (D,S) J Bethell 8-10 T Williams 7
6 -005 TRIBAL MISCHIEF 9 (S) D Moffatt 8-9 J Quinn 10
7 5-03 THE ROUNDSILLS 37 R Johnson Houghton 8-8 A Culhane 4
8 0-64 BYMCRAK GORJOS 25 G Holmes 8-4 T Lucas 9
9 2438 KINGDOM PEARL 27 M Camacho 7-13 L Charnock 3
10 -540 ZAMABAY 28 W Storey 7-11 N Kennedy 6

11-4 Wildmoor, 7-2 Hadidi, 5-1 Marsh Marigold, 6-1 Fullopep, 7-1 The Roundsills, 8-1 Coral Island, Kingdom Pearl, 25-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: K McAuliffe, 3 winners from 12 runners, 25.0%; N Tinkler, 5 from 25, 20.0%; Mrs M Reveley, 19 from 104, 18.3%; J L Harris, 3 from 16, 18.7%; M Johnston, 13 from 91, 14.3%; J Hetherton, 3 from 22, 13.6%; J Bethell, 4 from 34, 11.8%; M Camacho, 4 from 34, 11.8%; D Chapman, 4 from 37, 10.8%.

JOCKEYS: F Lynch, 5 winners from 21 rides, 23.8%; A Whelan, 3 from 13, 23.1%; J Carroll, 25 from 162, 15.4%; J Weaver, 14 from 91, 15.4%; J Quinn, 5 from 41, 12.2%; N Connorton, 8 from 69, 11.6%.

YARMOUTH

THUNDERER

1.50 Soda Pop. 2.25 Royal Rights. 2.55 Prima Verde. 3.30 Blueygreen. 4.00 Meshhed. 4.30 Alamein. 5.00 Leading Note.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating:
4.30 TUMBLEWEED RIDGE.

GOING: GOOD — SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

1.50 UPTON SELLING STAKES (£2,243: 1m 2f 21yd) (6 runners)

1 (4) 3121 GUESSTIMATION 2 (C,D,F,G,S) J Pearce 8-9-12 C Teague (5) 84
2 (3) 0204 SODA POP 13 C Brittain 3-8-10 W J O'Connor 92
3 (2) 5 AJEEBAH 23 W Haggas 3-8-5 M Hills 90
4 (5) 050 BLAZER'S BABY 18 J Fanshawe 3-8-5 N Varley 97
5 (1) 0322 BLUEBELL MISS 7 (S) M Ryan 3-8-5 G Carter [illegible]
6 (6) 6400 NORTHERN TOUCH 11 S C Williams 3-8-5 D Williams (7) 96

5-2 Ajeebah, 3-1 Guesstimation, 7-2 Soda Pop, 4-1 Bluebell Miss, 5-1 Blazer's Baby, 10-1 Northern Touch.

2.25 EBF ACLE MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,274: 6f 3yd) (8)

1 (1) 0 DANZINO 18 A Jarvis 9-0 S Drowne —
2 (4) FRITTON M Tompkins 9-0 D Biggs —
3 (5) HEADHUNTER W Haggas 9-0 M Hills —
4 (2) ROYAL RIGHTS D Loder 9-0 K Darley —
5 (8) 0 STONE OF DESTINY 33 B Meehan 9-0 M Tebbutt —
6 (3) 26 JUSTCHILLIN' 16 C Dwyer 8-9 N Varley —
7 (6) PRINCESS OLIVIA M Ryan 8-9 G Carter —
8 (7) SALSETTE C Brittain 8-9 W J O'Connor —

4-5 Royal Rights, 4-1 Headhunter, 6-1 Salsette, 8-1 Stone Of Destiny, 10-1 others.

2.55 HORSEY FILLIES HANDICAP (£3,453: 1m 3yd) (10)

1 (2) 0526 SUE'S RETURN 17 (CD,F,S) A Jarvis 5-10-0 S Drowne 93
2 (7) 0-11 PRIMA VERDE 18 (D,G,S) L Cumani 4-10-0 K Darley 94
3 (9) 0-10 RAAHA 32 (BF,S) R Armstrong 3-9-2 R Hills [illegible]
4 (5) 0140 OUR WAY 18 (CD,F) C Brittain 3-9-0 W J O'Connor 98
5 (4) -324 LITERARY 13 J Gosden 3-9-0 G Hind 90
6 (8) 0-33 BLOWING AWAY 28 M Tompkins 3-9-0 M Henry (3) 90
7 (3) 0256 MISS RIVIERA ROSE 11 G Wragg 3-8-10 M Hills 95
8 (6) -000 BADGER BAY 8 C Dwyer 4-8-3 N Varley 95
9 (1) 3430 MISTY CAY 5 (D,F,G) S Dow 3-8-2 G Carter 89
10 (10) 0-56 GO FOR GREEN 25 Dr J Scargill 3-8-0 F Norton 88

3-1 Prima Verde, 4-1 Our Way, 5-1 Raaha, 6-1 Sue's Return, 8-1 Literary, 10-1 Blowing Away, 12-1 Miss Riviera Rose, 14-1 others.

3.30 EAST COAST MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,420: 7f 3yd) (8)

1 (8) IL FALCO M Prescott 9-0 C Nutter —
2 (4) 55 REEDS 170 J Fanshawe 9-0 N Varley —
3 (2) 0205 SELECT CHOICE 7 A Jarvis 9-0 S Drowne 95
4 (6) 0 SEVERITY 7 W Haggas 9-0 M Hills —
5 (3) 5- ARCO COLORA 264 M Stoute 8-9 K Darley 81
6 (5) 0-22 BLUEYGREEN 36 (BF) P Chapple-Hyam 8-9 G Hind [illegible]
7 (1) 042- KAFAF 287 J Gosden 8-9 R Hills 90
8 (7) UNFORGETABLE CHARM Mrs N Macauley 8-9 D Biggs —

5-4 Blueygreen, 9-4 Kafaf, 3-1 Arco Colora, 8-1 Select Choice, 10-1 Severity, 12-1 Falco, 12-1 Reeds, 33-1 Unforgetable Charm.

4.00 TUNSTALL FILLIES CONDITIONS STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,533: 7f 3yd) (5)

1 (3) -410 MESHHED 28 (D,F) B Hanbury 9-1 R Hills 98
2 (2) 4321 BINT SHIHAMA 11 (D,S) C Brittain 8-13 W J O'Connor 78
3 (4) 1 KENNIST 17 (S) L Cumani 8-13 K Darley —
4 (5) 1-22 IMROZ 13 (D,F,G) H Cecil 8-9 A McGlone [illegible]
5 (1) 13-6 SERENITY 61 (F) J Fanshawe 8-9 M Hills 98

7-4 Imroz, 9-4 Meshhed, 7-2 Serenity, 6-1 Kennist, 8-1 Bint Shihama.

4.30 FILBY BRIDGE RATED HANDICAP (£7,275: 7f 3yd) (10)

1 (6) 2201 TUMBLEWEED RIDGE 6 (B,D,F,S) B Meehan 4-9-10 (3ex) M Tebbutt [illegible]
2 (3) -540 DOUBLE SPLENDOUR 18 (C,F,G,S) P Felgate 7-9-6 G Hind 90
3 (10) 4-64 SHOCK VALUE 13 (F) M Stoute 3-9-4 M Hills 86
4 (5) 0550 HELLO MISTER 26 (F,G,S) T Powell 6-9-2 P McCabe (3) 92
5 (9) 0253 YORKIE GEORGE 18 (BF,G,S) L Cumani 3-9-0 K Darley 93
6 (8) 5662 INTISAB 18 (F) R Armstrong 4-8-13 R Hills 95
7 (1) 0-60 PLEADING 12 (F,S) H Candy 4-8-13 C Rutter 92
8 (2) -620 ALAMEIN 26 (B,D,F,G) W Haggas 4-8-12 S Drowne 91
9 (7) -050 SKY DOME 28 (D,F,S) M Tompkins 4-8-12 M Henry (3) 90
10 (4) 4050 ZARETSKI 32 (B,D,F) C Brittain 3-8-3 A Polli (5) 84

7-2 Tumbleweed Ridge, 4-1 Yorkie George, 9-2 Shock Value, 5-1 Alamein, 6-1 Intisab, 8-1 Double Splendour, 10-1 Pleading, 12-1 others.

5.00 REPPS HANDICAP (£3,501: 1m 3f 101yd) (9)

1 (9) -302 URGENT SWIFT 84 (F) A Jarvis 4-9-13 S Drowne 93
2 (2) 005- BURNING 325 (F) W Haggas 5-9-11 M Hills 87
3 (6) 1352 PREMIER GENERATION 12 (S) D Arbuthnot 4-9-7 S Whitworth 93
4 (5) 3650 PROSPECTOR'S COVE 9 (G,S) J Pearce 4-9-4 G Hind 97
5 (4) 33-5 LEADING NOTE 82 L Cumani 3-8-13 K Darley 90
6 (7) 0145 BLOCKADE 13 (C,F,G) M Bell 8-8-10 M Fenton 98
7 (8) 5022 WHAT A FUSS 14 B Hanbury 4-8-8 R Hills [illegible]
8 (1) 0644 SARBARON 16 P Harris 3-8-1 F Norton 89
9 (3) 46-6 SUIVEZ 11 (D,F) Mrs N Macauley 7-7-12 D Biggs 88

7-2 Leading Note, 4-1 Urgent Swift, 5-1 What A Fuss, 6-1 Premier Generation, Sarbaron, 7-1 Blockade, 10-1 Burning, Prospector's Cove, 16-1 Suivez.

BRIGHTON

THUNDERER

6.20 High Gain. 6.50 Senorita Matilda. 7.20 Cape Pigeon. 7.50 Zinzari. 8.20 Who's That Man. 8.50 Corniche Quest.

GOING: FIRM — SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

6.20 OVINGDEAN MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (SKY)
(2-Y-O: £2,277: 5f 59yd) (6 runners)

1 AEGEAN DAWN R Hannon 8-11 Dane O'Neill 5
2 GREEN DOLPHIN W G M Turner 8-11 D Sweeney (5) 1
3 320 HIGH GAIN 39 P Howling 8-11 Paul Eddery 3
4 026 MISS SCOOTER 16 A P Jones 8-11 T Sprake 4
5 320 SANS RIVALE 28 B Meehan 8-11 B Doyle 6
6 33 SHANTHI 19 (BF) P Makin 8-11 D Holland 2

9-4 Aegean Dawn, 3-1 High Gain, 7-2 Sans Rivale, 4-1 Shanthi, 6-1 others.

6.50 HANGLETON MAIDEN HANDICAP (SKY)
(£2,966: 5f 213yd) (10)

1 -002 SENORITA MATILDA 5 R Hannon 3-10-0 Dane O'Neill 2
2 030 NICKER 26 W Jarvis 3-9-10 W Ryan 7
3 0200 BLUE LAMP 11 (B) M Jarvis 3-9-10 M Roberts 9
4 0200 ED'S FOLLY 21 S Dow 4-9-9 R Perham 1
5 5002 SANS D'ANTIBES 14 D Cosgrove 3-8-13 M Rimmer 6
6 3352 GOLD EDGE 11 M Channon 3-8-13 T Quinn 3
7 0600 KANAWA 16 A P Jones 3-8-8 J D Smith (3) 5
8 003 BARBURY BALLAD 48 M Heaton-Ellis 3-8-1 R Ffrench (5) 8
9 0000 ROYAL EMBLEM 20 (B) A Foster 3-8-1 T Sprake 10
10 6000 FORMIDABLE SPIRIT 9 (V) M Heaton-Ellis 3-7-10 N Adams 4

5-2 Senorita Matilda, 7-2 Gold Edge, 5-1 Blue Lamp, Ed's Folly, 8-1 others.

7.20 WHITE HAWK SELLING STAKES (SKY)
(£1,985: 7f 214yd) (10)

1 3-01 CAPE PIGEON 21 (V,C,D,F,G,S) L Cottrell 12-9-10 D Holland 7
2 0000 HATTA SUNSHINE 7 (V,D) G L Moore 7-9-10 M Wigham 10
3 0500 HAWAII STORM 2 (D,S) D French Davis 9-9-10 R Ffrench (5) 1
4 4500 JUBILEE SCHOLAR 2 G L Moore 4-9-5 Candy Morris 2
5 6004 WITHOUT FRIENDS 18 (F,G,S) J Ffitch-Heyes 3-9-2 B Doyle 4
6 0-00 EMBROIDERED 148 S Dow 4-9-0 M Roberts 8
7 56U ROSALEE ROYALE 21 John Berry 5-9-0 T Sprake 5
8 0-45 CHOPIN 54 R Johnson Houghton 3-8-11 T Quinn 3
9 00-0 DOUBLE-E-I-B-A 14 D Cosgrove 3-8-11 M Rimmer 9
10 -0000 SEAMUS 23 C Hill 3-8-11 D Sweeney (5) 6

5-4 Cape Pigeon, 4-1 Chopin, 6-1 Without Friends, Jubilee Scholar, 8-1 others.

7.50 SOUTH DOWNS HANDICAP (SKY)
(£3,550: 1m 3f 196yd) (7)

1 31-6 PUCE 33 (BF,D,G) L Cumani 4-10-0 R Ffrench (5) 6
2 -152 CANTON VENTURE 29 (CD,F) S Woods 5-9-9 W Ryan 2
3 0035 WAKEEL 14 (F,S) S Dow 5-9-7 M Roberts 7
4 2350 ZINZARI 27 D Loder 3-9-4 Dane O'Neill 4
5 4621 RISING DOUGH 7 (C,F,G,S) G L Moore 5-9-1 (5ex) M Wigham 5
6 -010 MR BROWNING 21 (B,CD,F) R Akehurst 6-8-13 T Quinn 1
7 -100 DAVOSKI 34 B Hills 3-8-9 D Holland 3

3-1 Puce, 4-1 Zinzari, 5-1 Rising Dough, Canton Venture, Mr Browning, 8-1 others.

8.20 TELSCOMBE CLIFFS HANDICAP (SKY)
(3-Y-O: £2,277: 1m 1f 209yd) (11)

1 0004 SOUND APPEAL 20 A Foster 9-7 T Sprake 1
2 4340 INTERDREAM 32 (C,F) R Hannon 9-6 Dane O'Neill 6
3 -060 HADAWAH 36 J Dunlop 9-6 B Doyle 4
4 6000 GOLDEN SADDLE 26 P Cole 9-5 T Quinn 9
5 3615 WHO'S THAT MAN 30 (D,F) S C Williams 9-3 D Holland 10
6 1500 KINGSDOWN TRIX 5 (D) G L Moore 8-10 R Perham 11
7 5508 TEZAAB 11 B Hanbury 8-10 J Stack 3
8 0-04 MASTER BOBBY 114 R Flower 8-8 J Fowle (7) 2
9 460 CABCHARGE GLORY 23 G Margarson 8-0 G Bardwell 7
10 00-0 IL PRINCIPE 25 John Berry 7-12 R Ffrench (5) 8
11 0040 KEEN WATERS 32 (B) J Arnold 7-10 N Adams 5

7-2 Hadawah, 4-1 Who's That Man, 9-2 Interdream, Sound Appeal, 6-1 others.

8.50 LEWES LIMITED STAKES (£2,277: 5f 59yd) (6)

1 0546 CORNICHE QUEST 20 (C,D,F,G,S) M Channon 4-9-5 T Quinn 3
2 600- AGWA 243 (C,F) J Bridger 8-9-2 P Doe (7) 1
3 60-6 ALWAYS GRACE 42 (C,F) Gay Kelleway 5-8-13 Dane O'Neill 2
4 1 PIZZICATO 19 (D) R Williams 3-8-12 D Griffiths (3) 4
5 0225 SUITE FACTORS 30 (D,F) K Burke 3-8-12 R Perham 5
6 0500 RISE 'N SHINE 9 C Cyzer 3-8-9 W Ryan 6

2-1 Corniche Quest, 3-1 Always Grace, 7-2 Pizzicato, 4-1 Suite Factors, 8-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: L Cumani, 15 winners from 45 runners, 33.3%; M Jarvis, 7 from 24, 29.2%; D Loder, 4 from 14, 28.6%; R Akehurst, 22 from 92, 23.9%; J Dunlop, 11 from 52, 21.2%; S Woods, 5 from 24, 20.8%.

JOCKEYS: M Roberts, 22 winners from 83 rides, 26.5%; T Quinn, 53 from 217, 24.4%; Dane O'Neill, 14 from 86, 16.3%; M Wigham, 4 from 25, 16.0%; B Doyle, 15 from 102, 14.7%; J D Smith, 4 from 29, 13.8%.

Blinkered first time

SANDOWN PARK: 3.10 Hawksley Hill. YARMOUTH: 4.30 Zaretski. CATTERICK: 4.50 Coral Island. DONCASTER: 7.00 Mungo Park. BRIGHTON: 8.20 Keen Waters. WORCESTER: 6.10 Vicar Of Bray; 7.40 Appearance Money; 8.10 Sails Legend; 8.40 Welsh Legion

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DONCASTER

THUNDERER

6.30 Alconleigh. 7.00 John O'Dreams. 7.30 Mr Teigh. 8.00 Intikhab. 8.30 One Singer. 9.00 Kristal Breeze.

GOING: GOOD — SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M STR, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.30 GRESLEY CONDITIONS STAKES (SKY)
(2-Y-O: £4,406: 6f) (5 runners)

1 1141 PRINCE FOLEY 30 (F,G) W G M Turner 9-7 D McGaffin (7) 3
2 312 ALCONLEIGH 17 (BF,D,S) M Johnston 9-1 J Weaver 1
3 0512 PREMIUM PURSUIT 25 (CD,G) R Fahey 8-13 A Culhane 2
4 MAC'S BACK W O'Gorman 8-8 Emma O'Gorman 4
5 123 ANGEL HILL 42 (F) T Barron 8-6 L Charnock 5

7-4 Alconleigh, 2-1 Prince Foley, 9-2 Angel Hill, 5-1 Premium Pursuit, 14-1 Mac's Back.

7.00 SHADWELL STUD APPRENTICE SERIES (SKY)
(Handicap: £3,176: 5f) (12)

1 0040 CHEMCAST 5 (B,D,F,S) J Eyre 4-10-0 S Buckley (5) 7
2 -413 SUPERBIT 12 (B,D,F,G,S) B McMahon 5-10-0 S Righton (5) 6
3 0360 BRECONGILL LAD 17 (D,F,G) Miss S Hall 5-9-11 G Parkin 1
4 0030 THE WAD 32 (F,G) D Nicholls 4-9-7 Iona Wands 12
5 -030 ANTARCTIC STORM 32 (F) R Fahey 4-9-6 R Winston 3
6 0602 CROSS THE BORDER 2 (BF,D,F) D Nicholls 4-9-1 P Roberts 5
7 0133 MUNGO PARK 11 (V,BF,D,F) Mrs J Ramsden 3-9-0 T E Durcan 10
8 2423 FEATHERSTONE LANE 34 (BF,D,F) Miss L Siddall 6-8-9 T Siddall (3) 9
9 3066 REINHARDT 5 (D,F) D Nicholls 4-8-8 A Nicholls (7) 2
10 0453 SOUTHERN DOMINION 9 (B,D,F) Miss J Craze 5-8-5 Carolyn Bales (5) 4
11 00-0 HAMILTON GOLD 11 M Meagher 4-8-1 G Milligan 11
12 4006 JOHN O'DREAMS 12 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs A King 12-8-1 P Fessey 8

4-1 Cross The Border, 5-1 Superbit, 6-1 Mungo Park, 7-1 Featherstone Lane, 8-1 Chemcast, John O'Dreams, 10-1 The Wad, Southern Dominion, 12-1 others.

7.30 BAILEYS ORIGINAL IRISH CREAM HANDICAP (SKY)
(£3,883: 1m rnd) (14)

1 1210 CAN CAN LADY 19 (BF,D,F,G) M Johnston 3-9-12 J Weaver 9
2 0210 SOMERTON BOY 19 (D,F,G,S) P Calver 7-9-7 N Day 14
3 6280 LOOK WHO'S CALLING 39 B McMahon 4-9-6 K Darley 4
4 0040 SUALTACH 4 (C,F,S) R Hollinshead 4-9-6 L Dettori 2
5 5154 MR TEIGH 17 (D,F) Mrs J Ramsden 5-9-3 J Fortune 7
6 2460 GULF SHAADI 39 (D,F) E Alston 5-9-3 J F Egan 8
7 61 LIQUID GOLD 23 (D,S) W O Gorman 3-9-2 Emma O'Gorman 5
8 -022 VENI VIDI VICI 14 (BF,D,G) M Heaton-Ellis 4-9-2 S Drowne 11
9 3102 KASS ALHAWA 9 (D,G) D Chapman 4-8-7 A Culhane 1
10 -000 MBULWA 19 (D,F,G,S) R Fahey 11-8-4 R Winston (7) 10
11 0440 THATCHED 12 (D,F,G) R Barr 7-8-3 Dean McKeown 3
12 4-00 HOPEFUL BID 32 (F,G) P Howling 8-8-3 N Carlisle 6
13 0050 ALFAHAAL 30 R Johnson Houghton 4-8-2 S Sanders 13
14 6005 ATTARIKH 11 Mrs A King 4-8-1 J Quinn 12

9-2 Veni Vidi Vici, 5-1 Mr Teigh, 6-1 Can Can Lady, Liquid Gold, 8-1 Somerton Boy, Kass Alhawa, 10-1 Look Who's Calling, 12-1 others.

8.00 HALIFAX CAR INSURANCE CONDITIONS STAKES (SKY)
(£4,776: 1m str) (6)

1 5-00 HI NOD 53 (C,F,G,S) M Camacho 7-9-4 L Charnock 2
2 2106 PEARTREE HOUSE 28 (CD,F,S) W Muir 3-9-2 J Weaver 5
3 21 ILLUSION 32 (D,S) M Stoute 3-9-0 J Reid 1
4 1-44 DESERT HORIZON 17 (D,S) J Gosden 3-8-10 L Dettori 4
5 2500 GROOM'S GORDON 28 (B,F,G) J Dunlop 3-8-10 K Darley 3
6 -222 INTIKHAB 60 (F) D Morley 3-8-10 R Hills 6

9-4 Intikhab, 11-4 Illusion, 7-2 Desert Horizon, 5-1 Groom's Gordon, 8-1 Peartree House, 16-1 Hi Nod.

8.30 EBF VYNER NOVICE STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,147: 5f) (7)

1 1126 ONE SINGER 26 (D,G) M Johnston 9-2 J Weaver 4
2 40 BARRELBIO 16 J J O'Neill 8-12 A Culhane 7
3 0 JOCKWEILER 18 Mrs J Ramsden 8-12 J Fortune 2
4 OLLIE'S CHUCKLE J Glover 8-12 N Day 5
5 60 SMART PRINCE 12 J J Quinn 8-12 J Lowe 3
6 TITANIC J Gosden 8-12 L Dettori 1
7 6 PERFECT PEACH 16 J Berry 8-7 K Darley 6

6-4 One Singer, 7-4 Titanic, 6-1 Jockweiler, 8-1 Perfect Peach, 10-1 others.

9.00 ARKSEY FILLIES TROPHY (Handicap: £3,302: 1m 4f) (7)

1 40-0 EXACTLY 29 (D,F,G) J Eyre 4-10-0 M Gallagher 7
2 0-32 ORDAINED 44 (F) E Alston 4-9-5 J F Egan 3
3 6301 KRISTAL BREEZE 7 (D,F,G,S) W Muir 5-9-3 (5ex) J Reid 2
4 602 TOP 16 J Fanshawe 3-9-1 D Harrison 6
5 -601 INIMITABLE 20 (S) J Dunlop 3-8-12 L Dettori 4
6 0-00 ATNAB 15 P Walwyn 3-8-3 K Darley 1
7 0311 CASHMIRIE 8 (F,G,S) J Eyre 5-8-2 (5ex) T Williams 5

3-4 Inimitable, 7-2 Kristal Breeze, 9-2 Cashmirie, 6-1 Ordained, 8-1 Top, 10-1 Atnab, 12-1 Exactly.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Gosden, 30 winners from 137 runners, 21.9%; J Dunlop, 25 from 131, 19.1%; M Stoute, 18 from 96, 18.8%; J Fanshawe, 7 from 50, 14.0%; J Glover, 5 from 41, 12.2%; J Berry, 15 from 129, 11.6%.

JOCKEYS: L Dettori, 37 winners from 202 rides, 18.3%; R Hills, 12 from 78, 15.4%; S Sanders, 6 from 45, 13.3%; K Darley, 33 from 254, 13.0%. Only qualifiers.

WORCESTER

THUNDERER

6.10 Five Flags. 6.40 Totally Yours. 7.10 Sheriff. 7.40 No Light. 8.10 Carol's Dream. 8.40 Fosbury. 9.10 Sea Tarth.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — SIS

6.10 SUDDINGTON SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,965: 2m 4f) (17 runners)

1 1-52 FIVE FLAGS 17 (F,G,S) Mrs S Smith 9-12-0 R Guest
2 4-10 EDWARD SEYMOUR 17 (D,F,S) W Jenks 10-11-11 T Jenks
3 4P6- KILCARNE BAY 153 (G) P Bowen 7-11-11 R Johnson
4 30-4 SALMAN 28 (F,G) Mrs V Ward 11-11-6 Mr R Thornton (3)
5 005- FATHER O'BRIEN 81 (G) J Poulton 10-11-4 T J Murphy
6 P64/ COUCHANT 53F (F) M Pipe 6-11-0 A P McCoy
7 01P- PERSIAN BUTTERFLY 22F (G) R Stronge 5-10-13 J Culloty
8 P-PP VICAR OF BRAY 16 (B,C,F,G) J Wells 10-10-6 A Thornton
9 3/0/ MICK'S TYCOON 21F (G,S) T Watson 9-10-3 W Marston
10 04/0 CAOIMSEACH 17 (B,F,G) B Llewellyn 9-10-3 B Powell
11 A05- INCHYDONEY BOY 88 T McGovern 8-10-3 B Fenton
12 RH-3 LAVALIGHT 39P (B,F) J Dufosee 10-10-0 P Henley (3)
13 F4-5 AAVASAKSA 35 A Newcombe 4-10-0 A Maguire
14 PP-P BLAKEWAY 7 G Ham 10-10-0 Sophie Mitchell (5)
15 050- TIMELY EXAMPLE 60F B Cambidge 6-10-0 Gary Lyons
16 P-0P BUNNY HARE 28 J Birkett 9-10-0 L O'Hara
17 4/4- NOTANOTHERONE 94P (F,G) R Livermore 9-10-0 C Webb (5)

7-2 Couchant, 4-1 Five Flags, 5-1 Edward Seymour, 7-1 others.

6.40 NORTON NOVICES HURDLE (£2,373: 2m) (9)

1 63-1 HENRYS PORT 17 (D,G) M Meade 7-11-5 R Dunwoody
2 4- ALAFLAK 47 W Hern 6-10-12 R Farrant
3 5/P/ BIG PAT 12F (BF) J O'Shea 8-10-12 Michael Brennan (3)
4 B0- MONSIEUR PINK 219 A Streeter 5-10-12 T Eley
5 1 TOTALLY YOURS 35 (D,F) M Pipe 4-10-11 A P McCoy
6 23- DISTANT STORM 91 B Llewellyn 4-10-9 B Powell
7 SEDBERGH 23F Mrs V Ward 4-10-9 R Johnson
8 /60- MAGGIE STRAIT 173 Mrs A King 5-10-7 V Slattery
9 0/ MRS DOUBTFIRE 606 R Akehurst 5-10-7 A Maguire

2-1 Totally Yours, 3-1 Henrys Port, 7-2 Alaflak, 7-1 Mrs Doubtfire, 8-1 Distant Storm, Sedbergh, 14-1 Big Pat, 66-1 others.

7.10 P & O NEDLLOYD LTD HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,215: 2m 4f) (6)

1 4-11 SEARCHLIGHT 18 (CD,F,G) T Watson 8-12-0 W Marston
2 0/4- SHERIFF 28F (CD,F,G) J Hills 6-12-0 C Llewellyn
3 U11- PERSIAN ELITE 59 (D,F,G) C Egerton 6-11-9 R Dunwoody
4 F-51 APACHE PARK 17 (D,G,S) A Streeter 4-10-4 T Eley
5 443- CLIBURNEL NEWS 107 A Forbes 7-10-0 Gary Lyons
6 P-05 INNOCENT GEORGE 7 (F,G) Miss L Siddall 8-10-0 R Supple

7-4 Persian Elite, 9-4 Searchlight, 5-1 Apache Park, 7-1 Sheriff, Cliburnel News, 20-1 Innocent George.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: T Watson, 3 winners from 7 runners, 42.9%; M Pipe, 37 from 134, 27.6%; D Nicholson, 20 from 78, 25.6%; P Nicholls, 13 from 55, 23.6%; T Thomson Jones, 3 from 14, 21.4%; G Balding, 18 from 95, 18.9%.

JOCKEYS: A McCoy, 33 winners from 132 rides, 25.0%; R Johnson, 11 from 56, 19.6%; D Morris, 7 from 39, 17.9%; R Guest, 9 from 58, 15.5%; C Llewellyn, 22 from 142, 15.5%.

7.40 HIGH GREEN NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,955: 2m) (13)

1 6-23 NO LIGHT 18 (D,F,G,S) A Turnell 10-11-10 L Harvey
2 01-U ALPINE MIST 17 (CD,F,G) J O'Shea 5-11-7 Michael Brennan (3)
3 2-33 VERDE LUNA 7 (F) D Arbuthnot 5-11-4 A P McCoy
4 43-0 FRASER CAREY 39 (D,F) T George 5-11-3 R Johnson
5 P/P- GRAND APPLAUSE 18F (D,G) M Saunders 7-11-2 R Farrant
6 603- ALOSAILI 67 (D,F,G) J Cullinan 10-11-1 V Slattery
7 4F6- TOTAL ASSET 106 A Forbes 7-10-8 Gary Lyons
8 1F-0 APPEARANCE MONEY 7 (B,D,G) F Murphy 6-10-8 A Maguire
9 02-P KUMARI KING 18 A Carroll 7-10-7 D Morris
10 2P-F THE YOKEL 2 (G) B Baugh 11-10-6 P Henley (3)
11 P21- JOBINGO 52P (F) M Madgwick 9-10-0 B Fenton
12 0PO- MISTRESS TUDOR 120 S Mellor 6-10-0 T J Murphy
13 R62- CARDAN 329 B Frost 11-10-0 B Powell

4-1 Verde Luna, 11-2 No Light, 13-2 Alpine Mist, Appearance Money, 8-1 Fraser Carey, Alosaili, The Yokel, Jobingo, 10-1 others.

8.10 PEOPLETON NOVICES HURDLE (£2,198: 2m 4f) (9)

1 00-6 BALLINA 39 J O'Shea 5-10-12 Michael Brennan (3)
2 CAROL'S DREAM 18F J Hills 5-10-12 C Llewellyn
3 0/P- CHILLY LAD 167 R J Price 6-10-12 T J Murphy
4 0/P/ JAFFAPPEAL 958 P Eccles 9-10-12 A Maguire
5 3/5- SAILS LEGEND 241 (B) Miss Z Davison 6-10-12 A P McCoy
6 F61- SOUTHERNCROSSPATCH 72P (G) P Bowen 6-10-12 R Johnson
7 JUMP THE LIGHTS 19F P Radford 4-10-9 S Burrough
8 646- O MY LOVE 106 N Babbage 6-10-7 B Fenton
9 F5 ZELIBA 7 P Chamings 5-10-7 A Thornton

5-2 O My Love, 3-1 Carol's Dream, 4-1 Southerncrosspatch, 11-2 Sails Legend, 8-1 Zeliba, 10-1 Ballina, 12-1 Jump The Lights, 16-1 others.

8.40 CALLOW END HANDICAP CHASE (£2,716: 2m 7f 110yd) (14)

1 1P-3 GLENFINN PRINCESS 25 (BF,CD,F,S) P Bowen 9-12-0 W Marston
2 6/P0 WELSH LEGION 7 (B,F,G,S) P Bowen 12-11-12 A Maguire
3 2-21 GEMS LAD 18 (CD,F,G) Mrs S Smith 10-11-6 R Guest
4 124 HURRICANE BLAKE 504 (BF,D,F,G) M Pipe 9-11-5 A P McCoy
5 2-22 SUPPOSIN 19 (F,S) Mrs S Smith 9-11-5 G F Ryan (5)
6 11-4 FOSBURY 7 (F,G,S) P Nicholls 12-11-4 R Johnson
7 5-34 SCRABO VIEW 25 (B,F,S) P Beaumont 9-10-13 R Supple
8 024- SOLOMAN SPRINGS 51 (F) Mrs V Ward 7-10-12 Mr R Thornton (3)
9 P-34 FATHER DOWLING 18 (V,G) G Balding 10-10-6 B Fenton
10 3/4- CYRILL HENRY 358 (F,G) Sonia Earle 8-10-5 C Maude
11 -464 FRONTIER FLIGHT 2 (B,C,F,G) Miss L Siddall 7-10-5 E Husband (3)
12 P03- LEGAL ARTIST 47 (F,G) Miss C Johnsey 7-10-5 A Thornton
13 5-23 BITACRACK 19 (F,S) J Birkett 10-10-4 L O'Hara
14 2-13 IT'S NOT MY FAULT 18 (F,G,S) R Frost 9-10-3 J Frost

9-2 Gems Lad, 5-1 Hurricane Blake, 6-1 Glenfinn Princess, Supposin, 8-1 others.

9.10 PIRTON NH FLAT RACE (£1,256: 2m) (16)

1 1 SAILIN MINSTREL 7 (CD,S) M Pitman 6-11-11 R Farrant
2 1-22 SEA TARTH 7 (BF,G) P Bowen 6-11-6 R Johnson
3 P2- HIGH INTAKE 116P Mrs I McKie 5-11-4 A Thornton
4 /23- REGAL ABSENCE 178P D Nicholson 5-11-4 A Maguire
5 SOON COME G Richards 5-11-4 A Dobbin
6 05-0 BEACON LANE 7 D O'Neill 4-11-1 V Slattery
7 DOVE FROM ABOVE R J Price 4-11-1 T J Murphy
8 6 ERAWE 25 C Grant 4-11-1 Mr R Thornton (3)
9 4 IT'S WALLACE 18 J Poulton 4-11-1 J Culloty
10 KILARNEY KING N Chance 4-11-1 M Ahern
11 KING CARADOC W G M Turner 4-11-1 J Power (7)
12 5- ROYAL MINT 81 T Thomson Jones 4-11-1 R Dunwoody
13 ALWAYS A PLEASURE W Muxson 6-10-13 B Powell
14 CISTO'S VERDICT J Jenkins 5-10-13 —
15 EMMA'S GEM R Brazington 6-10-13 R Massey (3)
16 WELD'S FINEST J Peacock 5-10-13 R Bellamy

5-2 Regal Absence, 7-2 Sea Tarth, 5-1 Sailin Minstrel, Soon Come, 7-1 others.

☐ Romanov was third to Kirkwall in the Prix Eugene Adam at Saint-Cloud yesterday.

☐ Bishops Court will miss the Vodafone Stewards' Cup at Goodwood on August 2.

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Alan Lee, cricket correspondent, sees the most exclusive stop on the Australians' schedule

Country retreat at end of tourist trail

CLIVE MASON/ALLSPORT

England's glory: J Paul Getty's private ground at Wormsley provides a stunning setting for the Australians to end their mid-tour break

THE Australians go back to work today, their midsummer repose complete. If the early part of their itinerary was mistakenly and expensively cramped, the past week has offered a timely breather and they have used it beneficially. They are approaching the decisive phase of their trip ominously chipper.

Since winning the Manchester Test, the Australians have behaved more like tourists than touring cricketers. They have seen the sights of Edinburgh and played golf at Dalmahoy and St Andrews. Four players attended the British Grand Prix and then, on *Monday, they all did* something entirely different and played a game of cricket.

It was not the game itself that was different but the venue. One thing that sets cricket apart from other sports is its infinite variety of settings. Everyone has a favourite ground but for rural splendour, manicured presentation and sheer unashamed Englishness, Wormsley takes some beating.

Many will not have heard of Wormsley and many more will not have seen it. There is a simple reason for this: it is a private wonderland. The ground, carved out of wooded hills, acts as the front lawn of J Paul Getty's country seat. Here, before an invited audience enjoying hedonism on a grand scale, the Australians played their last fixture before the serious business resumes against Glamorgan at Cardiff today.

They played it wide-eyed, spending the off-field *moments clicking their cameras,* spotting celebrities and goggling at the rolling Oxfordshire scenery. The sun shone and the scene was to die for. The Australians, most of whom are more beguiled by things quaintly English than they would care to admit, will cherish the day.

Three things are said regularly of Getty. One concerns his great wealth, another his reclusive nature and the third his passion for cricket. The third has been assisted by the first, for he has become one of the game's great benefactors, and it seems to have counteracted the second, too. *On Monday, the great recluse* entertained 400 guests and beamed munificently.

Lords and ladies abounded, as did mighty men of the military. Marianne Faithfull was there and just about the entire Jagger family, Mick's elderly father reminiscing of the day that he went for a trial with Yorkshire and thought he might be accepted until they discovered that he was born in Chelmsford.

Cricket luminaries were everywhere and Geoff Marsh, the Australia coach, had an hour-long chinwag with his predecessor, Bob Simpson. Most of the Surrey committee *seemed to be present,* along with a chap named Major who is thought to be worth nominating, and Alex Tudor had barely bowled the first ball of the game before the Bedser twins were giving their views on the weak bodies and minds of modern fast bowlers. In such an apparently timeless setting, it was appropriate.

Wormsley, however, is a new ground. It might not look it, with its thatched pavilion and matching scorebox, but the first match was staged only five years ago. The following year, Getty's love of cricket was manifested in a different way. He liked *Wisden so much, he bought* the company.

He has about a dozen fixtures a year and the only uninvited spectators, other than those who find their way in via the bridleways of the Chilterns, are estate workers and villagers of the four local parishes. It is faintly feudal, but nobody seems to mind.

On Monday it was like Arundel without the crowds. There was a military band before play but no intrusive public address. The temporary loos behind the marquees were equipped in a way to put most hotels to shame. There was ice-cream dispensed from a bicycle, *but nothing so* vulgar as a hot-dog stall or a beer tent. And there was Pimm's and champagne at midday.

This, evidently, is one of the traditions of Wormsley but Dickie Bird did not repeat his gaffe of the first occasion he umpired here. Seeing the midday drinks invitation on the guests' programme, he had brought all the players off on the stroke of noon, expecting something fruity with a kick. Getty's staff, unfazed, produced a trayful. The traditional pace of the day is charmingly anachronistic. Play starts at 11.30am and lunch, at 1.30pm, lasts for a notional hour, usually longer. There are no overs limitations and the declaration — inevitable on such a sublime pitch — is complicated by the fact that tea is inclined to stretch out a shade, too.

No surprise, then, that the game finished drawn. It was not a joke match, however, and nor was it without some highly-distinguished cricket. This had virtually been assured on the day that Faith Hawkins, who organises the *Getty teams,* received a call from "Mr G", as she calls him with deference, suggesting that, on this occasion, his XI should be competitive. He knew his Australians.

A few previously invited players were thus gently stood down on the grounds of being long in the tooth. One such has-been was *Mike Procter,* who took no offence and enjoyed the day as a guest. His replacement, Graeme Hick, was one of six Test players in a team that also included the young bucks of the English game, Tudor and Ben Hollioake.

Matthew Elliott's 95 for the Australians was somewhat lost amid the lingering lunch, but tea was long since over when Martin Crowe showed that he retired too soon with an unbeaten century. The good news for Michael Bevan, whose Test place is precarious, is that he took all four wickets to fall. The bad news is that his nine overs cost 85 runs. It hardly mattered. For once, the surroundings will linger long after the figures are forgotten.

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIANS

M J Slater c Krikken b Brown	10
M T G Elliott st Krikken b Whittall	95
J L Langer b Brown	0
R T Ponting c Krikken b Hollioake	36
M G Bevan c Strang b Whittall	54
*M A Taylor not out	38
†I S Berry not out	22
Extras (lb 6, nb 6)	12
Total (5 wkts dec)	267

B P Julian, P R Reiffel, J N Gillespie and G D McGrath did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-26, 3-102, 4-167, 5-216.

BOWLING: Tudor 10-0-47-0; Brown 9-2-28-2; Hollioake 5-0-36-1; Strang 8-0-58-0; Whittall 9-1-65-2; Hick 1-0-5-0; Crowe 2-0-22-0

J PAUL GETTY'S XI

R A Smith b Bevan	57
M D Crowe not out	115
B C Hollioake c sub b Bevan	6
G A Hick c Julian b Bevan	26
D W Randall c Taylor b Bevan	22
*M C J Nicholas not out	2
Extras (lb 5, nb 4)	9
Total (4 wkts)	237

P A Strang, D R Brown, †K M Krikken, A R Whittall and A J Tudor did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-144, 2-150, 3-209, 4-234.

BOWLING: McGrath 10-2-41-0; Reiffel 7-3-17-0; Julian 6-0-54-0; Gillespie 5-0-35-0; Bevan 9-0-85-4.

Umpires: H D Bird and N T Plews.

Room at the top for Essex to fill

By Michael Henderson

ESSEX have most to play for when the county championship programme resumes today. As Glamorgan, the leaders, entertain the Australians, Essex, who have played one game fewer, go to Northampton looking for the victory that would put them top of the table.

They will not be frightened to go there. Northamptonshire, who are not short of *talented players, seem to be* falling apart. They are one place off the bottom and John Emburey, who began his coaching career last year blessed by kind words and extravagant predictions (not his own), is finding life on the other side of the ropes more difficult than he would wish. David Roberts, their 20-year-old batsman, returns to open the innings.

Middlesex are also sitting this round out, which gives Kent the chance to move above them into third place. Kent did themselves no favours at Lord's last Saturday, when, once again, their nerve failed them in a knockout final. But they are strong enough in bowling to be involved in the championship until the race is run.

Two sides who will not be involved in that race meet at Old Trafford. Lancashire's four-day cricket gets no better, although they did beat Middlesex two weeks ago, when Peter Martin took 13 wickets in the match. Significantly, half a dozen members of the regular team missed that game for one reason or another.

Sussex gave themselves something to look forward to when they beat Lancashire at Hove last week, in the NatWest Trophy. Otherwise *their season has been a catalogue* of disaster. They have yet to win a championship match although Paul Jarvis, who has missed the last five games with an Achilles tendon injury, may return today.

Derbyshire, the other side yet to claim a victory, go to the lovely tent-ringed college ground at Cheltenham where, no doubt, the Slad Exiles will be toasting the most celebrated exile of all, the late Laurie Lee. Who knows? Derbyshire, wracked by self-doubt and general dissatisfaction, might be sufficiently roused by the splendid setting to overturn a Gloucestershire team that continues to look more than the *sum of its parts. David Lawrence* may resume his interrupted comeback for Gloucestershire.

Mark Wagh, the captain of Oxford University, joins the Warwickshire team at Trent Bridge, in place of Nick Knight, who must again rest an injured finger. Keith Piper is also missing with a ruptured Achilles. Nottinghamshire await a late test on Mark Bowen, their leading wicket-taker.

Interactive Team Cricket standings and positions will appear in tomorrow's paper

Hove umpires wideawake

Mark Robinson's unusual dismissal at Hove on Sunday created a lively debate. With Sussex wanting one run to overhaul Gloucestershire's 141 for nine in their Axa Life League match, Robinson was stumped off a wide, the one run for the wide securing them victory.

Should Robinson have been given out, given that the "deciding" wide preceded the stumping? Yes, says Law 23, clause 4, which states that "the ball is not dead when the umpire has called no-ball or wide".

What would have happened had Robinson's been the tenth wicket to fall, rather than the ninth? Sussex would have been all out for 142 and deemed winners by one run — even though they batted second.

Young bloods

All the good news in English cricket is being made by teenagers at the moment. Hot on the heels of Ben Hollioake's triumph in the Benson and Hedges Cup final, comes news that England's Under-17 team won the international youth tournament in Bermuda.

The competition is for *under-19 sides from the "non*-senior major cricket playing nations" plus England, who agreed to take part provided that they were allowed to send a younger batch of players.

Captained by Robert Key, of Kent, they won five matches and tied the sixth, with Holland. They were managed by John Abrahams and coached by Geoff Arnold. Their next big assignment is the ICC Youth World Cup in South Africa early next year.

EXTRA

COVER

Take cover

Hampshire's move to a green-field site cannot come soon enough for the beleaguered residents around their existing ground at Northlands Road, Southampton. For years they have been bombarded by big-hitters smiting sixes out of the small ground, their car windscreens being the most common casualties.

Three days ago Graeme *Hick and Tom Moody,* of Worcestershire, managed to lose three balls in no time and the umpires' supply of spares was getting so low that John Stephenson, the Hampshire captain, complained bitterly when he was handed one that was soft and bore no seam. He kept mum a little later, though, once he had taken six for 16 with it in 30 balls.

Blank screen

New technology is all very well until it does not work, as the crowd at Lord's for "Ben Hollioake's match" know to their cost, the electronic scoreboard on the tavern side of the ground unhelpfully going blank for a period during the afternoon.

Cynics suggested that this may have had something to do with the fact that the information it had been dispensing was inaccurate and the operators were trying to unravel their mistakes, but whatever the reason, spectators in the new Grand Stand were left craning their necks to catch a glimpse of the score from the new scoreboard — also electric — above their heads.

If this made anyone yearn for manually operated scoreboxes, they might like to know that the old Grand Stand box will rattle on at Shenley Park, Hertfordshire, although it is not yet in operation. "We could not get it out there in time to *set it up for the new season,"* one MCC official said gloomily.

Archive footage

Now that the rainy season appears to have ended, and the BBC has no excuse to show replays of the great matches of yesteryear, nostalgia-buffs will be grateful for the chance to dip into the past at the British Film Institute's archive cricket evening on Tuesday, August 19.

The show, at the National Film Theatre, focuses on past battles for the Ashes and includes reels of Don Bradman playing in England in *1930,* the *1938* and *1948* Australians, and what is billed as the "world's first cricket film" — Ranjitsinhji practising in the nets in Australia in 1897.

There will also be recently discovered film of a match between Sussex and Lancashire at Horsham in 1913 and a tribute to the late Denis Compton. Tickets cost £6.25 (concessions £4.75) from the NFT box-office (0171 928 3232).

FATHER TIMES

McGrath masters the Dutch attack

By Michael Austin

SCARBOROUGH (Holland won toss): Yorkshire beat Holland by 82 runs

THIS one-sided contest illustrated that Holland are not as well-equipped as some may imagine. Their learning process continues. Gavin Hamilton, Scotland-born and usually batting at No 8, proved it by plundering 60 from 32 balls.

More predictably, Anthony McGrath swept beyond his third Scarborough Festival fifty in four days to reach 114, with 11 fours and three sixes from 134 balls, and consign the Holland batsmen to a damage-limitation process.

They achieved this muted target, losing by a respectable margin without remotely threatening victory. Klaaf Jan van Noortwijk made a half-century, as he did during the 49-run defeat by England at Peshawar in the World Cup last year.

Bas Zuiderent, 20, who scored 54 in that game, was less successful this time, five days after rejecting a six-week trial with Worcestershire, against whom he hit 99 in the NatWest Trophy last month.

Zuiderent was swiftly caught at short extra cover, leaving his World Cup cohort to wield a bold bat, score 82 from 111 balls and offer a reminder of Holland's three-wicket win in the corresponding match last summer.

Yorkshire had also been put into bat in that game. The resemblance almost ended there, although Tim de Leede, the captain, bowled medium pace admirably once more, taking four for 53 and recovering from an over costing 21 runs. Hamilton punished him for five consecutive fours and later added the wickets of Zuiderent and Eric Gouka.

Asim Khan was run out by a direct hit by Darren Gough, a substitute fielder for Martyn Moxon, and the orange-capped Dutch fielders, who *had earlier pursued everything* zealously, were finally subdued in all other aspects.

Their new-ball attack had featured Eric Dulfer, an off spinner, as Moxon and McGrath shared a century opening stand.

YORKSHIRE

M D Moxon c Zulfiqar b Dulfer	43
A McGrath lbw b de Leede	114
G M Hamilton c de Leede b Sleyflers	*60*
*D Byas c Sleyflers b de Leede	35
B Parker c Dulfer b de Leede	5
†R J Blakey c Dulfer b de Leede	7
C White b Khan	4
A C Morris not out	10
C E W Silverwood not out	13
Extras (lb 3 w 6)	9
Total (7 wkts)	300

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-104, 2-185, 3-252, 4-260, 5-262, 6-276, 7-279

R J Sidebottom and R D Stemp.

BOWLING: Khan 10-1-65-1; Dulfer 10-0-54-1; de Leede 10-1-53-4; Sleyflers 10-0-60-1; Gouka 9-0-56-0; Zulfiqar 1-0-9-0.

HOLLAND

B Zuiderent c White b Hamilton	17
A Zulfiqar b Silverwood	2
R van Oosterom c Blakey b Silverwood	3
K J van Noortwijk c Byas b Sidebottom	82
*T B M de Leede c Silverwood b Sidebottom	10
D Bakker b Morris	24
E Gouka c Blakey b Hamilton	37
†M Schewe not out	7
A Khan run out	2
E Dulfer not out	1
Extras (b 4 lb 12 w 17)	33
Total (8 wkts)	218

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-24, 3-30, 4-47, 5-95, 6-201, 7-201, 8-210.

E Sleyflers did not bat.

BOWLING: Silverwood 6-0-19-2; Hamilton 10-2-24-2; Sidebottom 10-2-25-2; Stemp 10-1-32-0; Morris 9-1-53-1; McGrath 5-0-49-0.

FOOTBALL

Swindon keen to make Rush signing

By Russell Kempson

IAN RUSH, the Wales striker, could end his playing career with Swindon Town in the Nationwide League first division. Rush, who has been told that he can leave Leeds United, has had discussions with Steve McMahon, the Swindon manager.

"I've spoken to Ian and he's keen to come to here," McMahon, who played alongside Rush at Liverpool, said yesterday. "The only problem is that he has a year of his contract left at Leeds and we're trying to sort out the financial side of things."

Rush scored only three goals in 42 appearances for Leeds last season and was one of five first-team players left out of the club's pre-season trip to Sweden yesterday. Brian Deane, Tomas Brolin, Carlton Palmer and Tony Dorigo were the others.

Tottenham Hotspur have completed the signing of David Ginola, the Newcastle United winger, for £2 million. "Tottenham was always my first choice," Ginola said. "The big challenge for me is to help the club into Europe this season."

Danny Murphy, 20, the Crewe Alexandra midfield player, has joined Liverpool for £1.5 million, which could later rise to £3 million, and Kevin Phillips, 23, the Watford striker, has moved to Sunderland for an initial £325,000. Reading have signed Ray Houghton, the Ireland and former Crystal Palace midfield player, as player-coach.

Arsène Wenger, the Arsenal manager, is expected to capture his eighth foreign player in three months later this week. Jerome Bonnissel, a left back, was due to leave Deportivo La Coruña, of Spain, for Highbury yesterday but the deal was delayed.

Mark Hateley, 35, the former England and Rangers forward, has become player-manager of Hull City, the third division club. He has appointed Billy Kirkwood, the former Rangers youth team coach and Dundee United manager, as his assistant. Alvin Martin, the former West Ham United defender, is the new manager of Southend United.

SAILING

Golden day dawns for Golding

GROUP 4 was heading smoothly towards the finish line in Southampton harbour *last night* as the first yacht home in the BT Global Challenge 30,000-mile round-the-world race (John Goodbody writes).

Barring a last-minute disaster, the yacht was expected to finish about 2hr 45min clear of *Toshiba Wave Warrior,* with *Concert* 2hr 15min farther back.

Group 4, skippered by Mike Golding, a professional sailor and former fire-fighter, was sailing parallel to the English coast in occasional drizzle and before a 15-20 knots southwesterly wind. One of the crew members, Alex Sizer, a Surrey student, should have a double celebration today — victory in the toughest yacht race in the world and her 23rd birthday.

On *Monday,* it had looked as if *Wave Warrior* might put pressure on *Group 4,* which had struggled to maintain her course and her more-accustomed 24-hour run of more than 200 miles. *Wave Warrior* had gained 11 miles, but lost eight overnight when the wind dropped. At daybreak yesterday, she was 23 miles behind the leader, with *Concert* 22 miles farther back.

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CYCLING: YOUNG GERMAN TAKES CHARGE OF TOUR DE FRANCE AS RIIS STRUGGLES TO STAY IN TOUCH

Ullrich gives rivals mountain to climb

FROM JEREMY WHITTLE IN ANDORRA

JAN ULLRICH yesterday became the first German in 20 years to wear the yellow jersey of the leader of the Tour de France after climbing to a remarkable stage victory at the Arcalis ski resort in Andorra. At 23, he became one of the youngest riders ever to lead the Tour and finally settled any debate over the leadership of the powerful Telekom team, where his team-mate, the defending Tour champion, Bjarne Riis, *again struggled* to keep pace with the front of the race.

"Before the Tour, I didn't care if Bjarne or me was the leader," Ullrich said. "Our tactic was to eliminate our rivals and try to win the race. There are a lot of hard days still to come and today I just want to celebrate wearing the yellow jersey."

On the longest mountain stage of this year's Tour, the riders called a truce for the first 50 kilometres of the stage before stopping en masse at the Fabio Casartelli memorial *on the climb of the Portet* d'Aspet to pay a moving tribute to the Italian former Olympic champion, who died after crashing on the descent of the mountain during the 1995 Tour.

However, on the next climb, the Col de Port, the racing *resumed as the Festina team* of Richard Virenque set a breakneck pace. After a frenetic plunge into the valley, a reduced field regrouped on the approach to the 45-kilometre ascent of the Port d'Envalira, with Riis and the Spanish favourite, Abraham Olano, already showing signs of fatigue. Once over the summit and with the field descending at speeds of almost 60mph towards Europe's most inaccessible tax haven, Olano and Riis were able to rejoin the front group.

Yet it was a temporary reprieve. The final steep ascent to Arcalis, which climbs about 3,000 feet in fewer than 20 kilometres, proved to be their undoing as Cédric Vasseur, the outgoing race leader, attacked. As Riis and Olano struggled, Vasseur's biggest problem came from another source: Ullrich picked up speed and, hunched determinedly over his bike, rode past the Frenchman and away from the rest of the field. It was a display of controlled power *that only Virenque* and the Italian climber, Marco Pantani, could hope to follow, but Ullrich's aerodynamic time-trialling style took him farther away from his pursuers and he crossed the line for the second Tour stage win of his career with more than a minute to spare.

"I didn't tell Jan to attack," Riis said later, "but when you are riding as well as he is at the moment, you have to take advantage. It doesn't matter if it is him or me in the lead — we want to win as a team and you can't do it on your own." With the Pyrenees behind him, Ullrich is likely to keep the race lead at least until the time-trial on Friday in St Etienne — indeed, his strength against the clock may even see him increase his advantage there.

"Ullrich was great today," Virenque said, "but the race isn't even at the halfway point yet and the Alps will be very tough. That will be the real test of his leadership."

Chris Boardman, who started the stage with a bruised and sore neck after falling heavily the day before, sensibly opted to ride within his limits in an attempt to recover before the time-trial, which he has targeted for a second stage win.

Ullrich raises his arms in triumph as he wins the stage and takes the yellow jersey

TOUR DE FRANCE DETAILS

TENTH STAGE (Luchon to Andorra-Arcalis, 252km): 1, J Ullrich (Ger, Telekom) 7hr 46min 6sec; 2, M Pantani (It, Mercatone Uno) at 1min 8sec; 3, R Virenque (Fr, Festina) same time; 4, F Casagrande (It, Saeco) 2:01; 5, B Riis (Den, Telekom) 3:23; 6, L Dufaux (Switz, Festina) 3:27; 7, J Jiménez (Sp, Banesto) 3:45; 8, F Escartin (Sp, Kelme); 9, A Olano (Sp, Banesto); 10, A Elli (It, Casino); 11, M Fincato (It, Roslotto); 12, P Lino (Fr, BIG) all same time; 58, M Sciandri (GB, La Française des Jeux) 27:14; 151, C Boardman (GB, GAN) 43:01. LEADING OVERALL POSITIONS: 1, Ullrich 55hr 0min 54sec; 2, Virenque 2min 38sec; 3, Olano 4:46; 4, Riis 4:53; 5, Pantani 5:29; 6, Escartin 5:46; 7, Dufaux 6:02; 8, O Camenzind (Switz, Mapei) 7:00; 9, Casagrande 7:20; 10, C Vasseur (Fr, GAN) 7:31; 11, Lino 7:41; 12, P Luttenberger (Austria, Rabobank Luttenberger) 8:02; 81, Sciandri 1hr 1min 54sec; 94, Boardman 1:10:42sec. Points classification (green jersey): 1, E Zabel (Ger, Telekom) 254pts; 2, F Moncassin (Fr, GAN) 173; 3, J Blijlevens (Holl, TVM) 159; 4, N Minali (It, Batik) 121; 5, R McEwen (Aus, Rabobank) 112. King of the mountains (polka dot jersey): 1, Virenque 209pts; 2, L Brochard (Fr, Festina) 160; 3, Ullrich 138; 4, Pantani 100; 5, Casagrande 93. Teams: 1, Festina 165hr 17min 8sec; 2, Telekom 4min 50sec; 3, Mercatone Uno 5:48; 4, Banesto 9:55; 5, Mapei 32:25.
TODAY: Eleventh stage: Andorra to Perpignan 192km.

RUGBY UNION

All Blacks wait for England

ENGLAND *have been given* the draw they probably least wanted when they were paired with New Zealand in their pool for the 1999 World Cup — assuming, that is, England come through a qualification tournament next autumn (Mark Souster writes).

As long as they do, England will then play all their pool matches at Twickenham. Don Rutherford, the Rugby Football Union's director of rugby said: "We knew we would have to play South Africa, New Zealand or Australia but New Zealand have to be the clear favourites for the World Cup and, at the moment, are probably 20-30 points better than any other side in the world."

In the other groups, South Africa play in Pool A at Murrayfield; France, the five nations' champions, in Pool C on their home ground and Wales, the host nation, in Pool D, kicking off their challenge in front of their own supporters.

In Pool E, Ireland are likely to meet Australia at Lansdowne Road.

The qualifying rounds will be played in November 1998, with Pool 1 in England, Pool 2 in Scotland and Ireland hosting Pool 3.

DRAW: Pool A (to be held in Scotland): South Africa, Europe 3, Europe 4, Repechage 2. *Pool B (to be held in England)*: New Zealand, Europe 2, Europe 5, Repechage 1. Pool C (to be held in France): France, Pacific 2, America 2, Africa 1. Pool D (to be held in Wales): Wales, America 1, Pacific 3, Asia 1. Pool E (to be held in Ireland): Pacific 1, Europe 1, America 3, Europe 6

IN BRIEF

Gregory pays for outburst

ANDY GREGORY, the Salford Reds coach, was fined £1,500 yesterday for insulting the referee after his team's defeat by Leeds Rhinos ten days ago. Gregory, who must pay £500 immediately — the rest will be waived if he stays out of trouble for a year — admitted bringing the game into disrepute.

The incident is not expected to affect his candidature for the Great Britain coaching vacancy. He promised the Rugby Football League board of directors there would be no repeat, but offered no comment afterwards.

Rifle shooting: William Meldrum, at 29 one of the younger Bisley match rifle shooters, yesterday finished second in the Hopton Cup overall championship, just four points behind Stuart Collings, the winner in five of the past seven years.

Speedway: Charlie Ermolenko *has agreed terms to join* King's Lynn, of the Elite League. The Californian, whose previous season was blighted by a broken leg, will make his debut today against *Wolverhampton, the team* that has just dropped him.

Tennis: Tim Henman went from No 20 to No 18, and Greg Rusedski from No 24 to No 25, in the latest world rankings, though neither was involved in tournament play last week. The changes were the result of movements of other players.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

GREAT BRITAIN TEAM: Men: 100m: I Mackie (Pitreavie); D Campbell (Belgrave); M Devonish (Coventry Godiva). 200m: D Walker (Newham and Essex Beagles); O Dako (Sale Harriers); J Golding (Blackheath). 400m: I Thomas (N and EB); M Richardson (Windsor, Slough and Eton); J Baulch (Cardiff). 800m: A Hart (Coventry Godiva); M Sesay (Leeds). 1,500m: J Mayock (Cannock and Staffordshire); K McKay (Sale Harriers). 5,000m: R Denmark (Basildon). 3,000m steeplechase: R Hough (Sheffield). 110m hurdles: T Jarrett (Haringey); C Jackson (Brecon); A Tulloch (Belgrave). 400m hurdles: C Rawlinson (Belgrave); G Jennings (N and EB). 4 x 100m relay (from): Mackie, Devonish, Walker, Golding, D Braithwaite (Haringey), D Chambers (Belgrave). 4 x 400m relay (from): Thomas, Richardson, Baulch, R Black (Team Solent), S Baldock (Club Hastings), M Hylton (Windsor, Slough and Eton). Marathon: R Nerurkar (Bingley Harriers); D Buzza (Cornwall); D Paton (Bridgend). High jump: B Reilly (Belgrave); D Grant (Haringey); S Smith (Liverpool Harriers). Pole vault: N Buckfield (Crawley). Triple jump: F Agyepong (Shaftesbury Barnet); J Edwards (Gateshead). Shot: S Pickering (Haringey); M Proctor (N and EB). Discus: B Weir (Birchfield); G Smith (Solihull and Small Heath). Hammer: D Smith (Belgrave). Javelin: S Backley (Cambridge); M Hill (Leeds); N Nieland (Shaftesbury Barnet). Women: 100m: S Jacobs (Shaftesbury Barnet), M Richardson (Windsor, Slough and Eton). 200m: K Merry (Birchfield), Jacobs. 400m: D Fraser (Croydon Harriers); A Curbishley (Edinburgh Woollen Mill). 800m: K Holmes (Ealing, Southall and Middlesex). 1,500m: Holmes, J Pavey (Bristol). 5,000m: P Radcliffe (Bedford and Co). Marathon: S Goldsmith (Edinburgh Woollen Mill); C Hunter-Rowe (Horwich); A Mair (Newport). 100m hurdles: D Allahgreen (Liverpool Harriers), A Thorp (Wigan). 400m hurdles: S Gunnell (Essex Ladies). 4 x 400m relay (from): Fraser, Curbishley, Gunnell, M Pierre (Croydon), M Thomas (Birchfield), L Hanson (Birchfield). High jump: D Marti (Bromley Ladies). Long jump: J Wise (Coventry Godiva). Triple jump: A Hansen (Shaftesbury Barnet); M Griffith (Windsor, Slough and Eton). Shot: J Oakes (Croydon Harriers). Discus: S Drew (Sutton and District). Javelin: T Sanderson, S Holroyd (Essex Ladies). Heptathlon: D Lewis (Birchfield).

SALAMANCA, Spain: International meeting (winners): Men: 100m: L Chastie (GB) 10.12sec. 1,500m: V Niyongabo (Burundi) 3min 34.70sec. 110m hurdles: I Kovac (Slovakia) 13.18sec. High jump: J Sotomayor (Cuba) 2.34m. Long jump: E Walder (US) 8.27m. Women: 100m hurdles: L Engqvist (Swe) 12.54sec (wind assisted). *400m hurdles: D Pernia (Cuba)* 55.89.

BADMINTON

KOTA KINABALU: Malaysian Open: Women: Final: S Susanto (Indo) bt Ye Zhaoying (China) 11-5, 11-7

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston 18 Detroit 4; Baltimore 9 Toronto 5; Cleveland 3 New York Yankees 2 (10inns); Kansas City 2 Milwaukee 1 (14inns); Minnesota 5 Chicago White Sox 3; Anaheim 6 Texas 5; Seattle 6 Oakland 2.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Florida 5 Montreal 4 (12inns); Cincinnati 4 St Louis 2; Pittsburgh 5 New York Mets 4; Atlanta 10 Philadelphia 6; *Houston 9 Chicago Cubs 7 (15inns)*; Los Angeles 14 Colorado 12 (10inns); San Diego 5 San Francisco 3

BOWLS

ENGLISH BOWLING ASSOCIATION TOP FOUR CHAMPIONSHIP: Regional play-offs: Middlesbrough: Semi-finals: Nottinghamshire bt Lancashire 22-13; Northumberland bt Derbyshire 23-13. Final: Nottinghamshire bt Northumberland 22-15. Cambridge Chesterton: Semi-finals: Suffolk bt Northamptonshire 23-15; Huntingdonshire bt Leicestershire 22-21. Final: Huntingdonshire bt Suffolk 26-24. Wealdstone: Semi-finals: Hampshire bt Bedfordshire 23-18; Sussex bt Oxfordshire 19-18 (after extra end). Final: Hampshire bt Sussex 18-14. Clevedon: Semi-finals: Cornwall bt Wiltshire 18-17; Devon bt Warwickshire 24-7. Final: Cornwall bt Devon 24-16

CANOEING

WAUSAU, Wisconsin: World Cup marathon: Men: K1: 1, E de Nijs (Holl) 2hr 32min 54sec; *2, G Mawer (Ire) 2:32:54; 3, D de* Linde (Holl) 2:33:03; 5, C Holmes (GB) 2:33:15; 6, S Baker (GB) 2:33:22; T Brabants (GB) dnf. C1: 1, L Dunilhac (Fr) 3:09:38; 2, H Magrol (Fr) 3:09:40; 3, J Seremak (Can) 3:20:57. Women: K2: 1, D Slachovska and S Skalicka (Cz) 2:46:46; 2, A Thorogood and H Brough (GB) 2:46:51; 3, J Fletcher and C Janke (Can) 3:10:12.

WORCESTER: National marathon championships: Men: K1: 1, J Butler (Nottingham); 2, J Block (Nottingham); 3, D Beazley (Leaside). K2: 1, J Block and J Butler (Nottingham); 2, R Williams and E Cox (Wey); 3, J Ross and S Hynds (Elmbridge). Women: K1: 1, T Davey (Richmond); 2, H Gilby (Elmbridge). K2: 1, T Davey (Richmond) and S Bapty (Reading); 2, A Andrews and S Kealing (Nottingham); 3, L Hardy (Fladbury) and L Cheyne (Leighton Buzzard).

CRICKET

AON RISK TROPHY (one day): Llanarth: Worcestershire 205 (*W P C Weston 66*); Glamorgan 202-7 (G P Butcher 64; B M Morgan 4-46). Worcestershire won by four runs. Bristol: Gloucestershire 292-7 (D R Hewson 108); Worcestershire 137 (K P Sheeraz 4-37). Gloucestershire won by 155 runs.

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of four): Taunton: Warwickshire 295 (A Singh 74, W G Khan 69; M E Trescothick 4-41); Somerset 36-1. The Oval: Surrey 337-5 (D J Bicknell 132 not out, J N Batty 68 not out) v Kent.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of two): Southill Park: Lincolnshire 220-8 and 252 (D A Christmas 57 not out; A R Roberts 5-69, Z A Sher 4-74); Bedfordshire 226-2 and 249-6 (N A Stanley 87, D J M Mercer 55 not out). Bedfordshire won by four wickets. Radlett: Norfolk 227-3 and 267-3 (S C Goldsmith 82, C Amos 70, T J Boon 66 not out); Hertfordshire 207-7 and 233 (M R Evans 72 not out; S N White 4-65). Norfolk won by 54 runs. Tynemouth: Northumberland 169 and 57 (C M Whyborn 6-33, Ajax Akhtar 4-20); Cambridgeshire 205-9 and 23-1. Cambridgeshire won by nine wickets. Oswestry: Shropshire 259-5 and 303-6 (M R Davies 80, I R Payne 64, Asif Din 58); Wales 249-5 and 152-9 (D J Bowett 4-55, G J Byram 4-72). Match drawn. Marlborough CC: Wiltshire 259-4 *and 200 (S M Perrin 63; A C H Seymour* 5-99); Cornwall 189 and 205-9 (Seymour 63). Match drawn.

LORD'S: MCC 214-6 dec (A G Lawson 95); MCC Schools 215-5 (L M Hilton 60 not out). MCC Schools won by five wickets

FENCING

CAPE TOWN: World championships: Men: Epée: Second round: V Zulkov (Est) bt I Trevejo (Cuba) 15-11; P Kolobkov (Russ) bt J François Di martino (Fr) 15-11; A Bekelov (Russ) bt G Imre (Hun) 15-13; Xu Xuening (China) bt V Zakharov (Bela) 15-14; A Mazzoni (Ita) bt A Maliy (Ukr) 12-11; B Kurowski (Pol) bt M Rivas (Col) 15-13; R Leroux (Fr) bt O Kayser (Austria) 15-12; I Kovacs (Hun) bt D Nowosielski (Can) 15-14; N Loyola (Cuba) bt V Plechenikin (Bela) 15-11; S Cuomo (It) bt S Shabalne (Kaz) 15-11; Lee Sang-Kee (S Kor) bt A Rota (It) 15-14; R Andrzejuk (Pol) bt A Fekete (Hun) 15-14; Ku Kyo-Dong (S Kor) bt V Plychevskiy (Ukr) 15-9; H Obry (Fr) bt B Carvalho (Por) 15-5; V Zakharevich (Russ) bt T Coufal (Cz) 15-11; E Srecki (Fr) bt C Morch (Nor) 15-11. Third round: Kolobkov bt Zulkov 15-10; Xu bt Bekelov 15-14; Mazzoni bt Kurowski 15-11; Leroux bt Kovacs 15-13; Loyola bt Cuomo 15-11; Andrzejuk bt Lee 15-14; Obry bt Ku 15-14; Srecki bt Zakharevich 15-11. Quarter-finals: Kolobkov bt Xu 15-6; Leroux bt Mazzoni 15-12; (Pol) bt Loyola 15-13; Srecki bt Obry 15-8. Women: Foil: First round (selected results): O Charkoa (Russ) bt F McIntosh (GB) 15-10; T Savichenko (Ukr) bt L Strachan (GB) 15-14; G Schiel (Ger) bt L Harris (GB) 15-8. Second round: Giovanna Trillini (It) bt F Zimmermann (US) 15-14; Charkova bt O Velitchko (Russ) 15-11; I Mincza (Hun) bt A Giacometti (It) 15-14; Z Janosi (Hun) bt A Wuilleme (Fr) 15-14; M Weber (Ger) bt M Berkassova (Kaz) 15-3; E Grichina (Russ) bt R Konig (Ger) 15-13; C Magnan (Fr) bt R Scarlet (Rom) 15-5; L Badea (Rom) bt V Siitchenko (Bela) 15-3; D Bianchedi (It) bt Lee Ta-Hoe (S Kor) 15-4; G Lantos (Hun) bt M David (Rom) 15-12; *R Szabo-Lazar (Rom) bt C Couzi (Fr) 15-6*; A Mohammed (Hun) bt S Gruchala (Pol) 15-12; Xiao Aihua (China) bt M Kobayashi (Japan) 15-9; S Bau (Ger) bt Savtchenko 15-6; A Rybicka (Pol) bt Schiel 15-6; V Vezzali (It) bt A Ohayon (Isr) 15-6. Third round: Trillini bt Charkova 15-9; Janosi bt Mincza 15-14; Weber bt Grichina 15-10; Badea bt Magnan 15-9; Bianchedi bt Gabriella 15-7; *Mohammed bt Szabo-Lazar* 15-14; Bau bt Xiao 15-11; Rybicka bt Vezzali 8-7. Quarter-finals: Trillini bt Janosi 15-6; Weber bt Badea 15-9; Bianchedi bt Mohammed 15-13; Bau bt Rybicka 15-8

FOOTBALL

LFA PRESIDENT'S CUP: Final: Bohemians 1 Shelbourne 0

OTHER MATCHES: Bray Wanderers 0 Swindon 2; Dulwich Hamlet 0 Fulham 1; St Patrick's Athletic 1 Huddersfield 0; Waterford 1 Darlington 3

ARGENTINIAN LEAGUE: Deportivo Español 0 Platense 0

RUGBY LEAGUE

AUSTRALASIAN SUPER LEAGUE: Canberra Raiders 4 Brisbane Broncos 19

SAILING

BT GLOBAL CHALLENGE: Sixth leg (Boston to Southampton): Latest positions (with miles to Southampton, as at 14 26GMT yesterday): 1, Group 4 84; 2, Toshiba Wave Warrior 103; 3, Concert 118; 4, Save the Children 181; 5, Commercial *Union 182*; 6, *Nuclear Electric 208*; 7, Ocean Rover 209; 8, Heath Insured II 211; 9, Global Teamwork 213; 10, 3Com 215; 11, Motorola 218; 12, Pause to Remember 218; 13, Courtaulds International 220; 14, Team & Tide 307

SPEEDWAY

ELITE LEAGUE: Wolverhampton 49 Bradford 41

PREMIER LEAGUE: Exeter 61 Newport 29; Reading 61 Stoke 29

TENNIS

DAVIS CUP: American zone: Group one play-off: Ecuador lead Argentina 3-1

STUTTGART: Men's tournament: First round: G Blanco (Sp) bt H Arazi (Mor) 7-5, 7-6; F Clavet (Sp) bt M Gustafsson (Swe) 6-3, 1-6, 6-1; K Kucera (Slovakia) bt N Kiefer (Ger) 1-2 ret; A Portas (Spa) bt C Ruud (Nor) 5-7, 6-0, 7-6; M Larsson (Swe) bt D Elsner (Ger) 6-3, 6-4; F Meligeni (Bra) bt A Radulescu (Ger) 6-1, 6-3; J Sánchez (Sp) bt M Norman (Swe) 6-3, 7-6. Second round: G Kuerten (Br) bt J Knippschild (Ger) 6-7, 6-4, 6-4; A Corretja (Sp) bt M Göllner (Ger) 7-5, 6-1; W Ferreira (SA) bt M Sinner (Ger) 3-6, 6-0, 6-4

WASHINGTON: Men's tournament: First round: V Spadea (US) bt S Simian (Fr) 2-6, 6-1, 6-1; G Solves (Fr) bt T Ho (US) 3-6, 6-3, 6-1; L Smith (Aus) bt M Bhupathi (India) 7-6, 7-6; A Cherkasov (Russ) bt O Motevassel (Isr) 6-3, 6-7, ret; M Joyce (US) bt S Bryan (US) 6-1, 6-4; D Nainkin (SA) bt K Ullyett (SA) 6-3, 0-6, 7-5; K Carlsen (Den) bt C Mamiit (US) 7-6, 6-3; A Mernov (Russ) bt E *Ran (Isr) 6-7, 7-6, 6-4*; F Wibier (Holl) bt M Mirnyi (Bela) 7-6, 7-6; D Wheaton (US) bt R Jabali (Bri) 2-6, 6-3, 6-3; M Hipfl (Ger) bt R Cordish (US) 2-6, 6-3, 6-2; B Shelton (US) bt A Kim (US) 7-6, 6-3; D Scala (It) bt P McEnroe (US) 6-1, 4-6, 7-5; R Schuttler (Ger) bt J Gimelstob (US) 6-3, 6-3; S Campbell (US) bt S Sargsian (Arm) 6-4, 6-3; D Flach (US) bt C Caratti (It) 6-2, 6-2

PALERMO: Women's tournament: First round: S Cecchini (It) bt M J Gaidano (Arg) 6-4, 6-2

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Tetley's Challenge Series
11.0, first day of three
CARDIFF: Glamorgan v Australians

Tour match
11.0, first day of three
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Pakistan A

Britannic Assurance county championship
11.0, first day of four
CHELTENHAM: Gloucestershire v Derbyshire
CANTERBURY: Kent v Leicestershire
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Sussex
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Essex
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Warwickshire
GUILDFORD: Surrey v Hampshire
SCARBOROUGH: Yorkshire v Durham

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH (one day): Lord's: MCC Schools v NAYC.

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: First day of three: South Shields: Durham v Leicestershire. Chelmsford: Essex v Lancashire. Southampton: Hampshire v Yorkshire. Southgate CC: Middlesex v Gloucestershire. Wellingborough: Northamptonshire v Nottinghamshire. Hove: Sussex v Glamorgan. Halesowen: Worcestershire v Derbyshire. Second day of four: Taunton: Somerset v Warwickshire. The Oval: Surrey v Kent.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of two): Carlisle: Cumberland v Cambridgeshire. Weymouth: Dorset v Cornwall

FOOTBALL

INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT: Third place play-off: Derry City or Celtic v Newcastle United or PSV Eindhoven (6.0). Final: Derry City or Celtic v Newcastle or PSV Eindhoven (8.15) (both at Lansdowne Road, Dublin).

OTHER MATCHES: Crewe v Bolton (7.45); *Everton v Rangers (7.45); Exeter City v* Queens Park Rangers (7.30); York City v Middlesbrough (7.30)

OTHER SPORT

RUGBY LEAGUE: Alliance Championship: Leeds v Halifax

SPEEDWAY: Elite League: King's Lynn v Wolverhampton (7.45); Poole v Eastbourne (7.30). Premier League: Long Eaton v Hull (7.45).

YESTERDAY'S RACING RESULTS

Brighton

Going: firm

2.15 (5f 213yd) 1, DISTINCT VINTAGE (R Hughes, 9-4); 2, Mystery Guest (G Duffield, 6-1); 3, Sky Mountain (A Whelan, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 2 fav Little Fizz (5th), 4 Flying Singer (4th), 6 Mrs Middle (6th). 6 ran. 8l, nk, nk, 1½l, 1½l. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £2.90; £1.10, £2.40. DF: £9.20. CSF: £15.06.

2.45 (6f 209yd) 1, BETTRON (Dane O'Neill, 100-30); 2, Private Seal (G Duffield, 15-8 fav); 3, Persian Fortune (D Sweeney, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 5 Estopped, Persian Venture (4th), 12 Goldenacres (pu), 25 Jovana (6th), 33 Chika Shan (5th), Hugger-Mugger. 9 ran. Hd, 4l, 2l, nk, 3l. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £6.80; £2.60, £1.10, £1.90. DF: £17.10. Trio: £13.30. CSF: £9.54. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

3.15 (6f 209yd) 1, RADAR O'REILLY (G Duffield, 1-2 fav); 2, Silwa (S Sanders, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Royal Orchid (pu). 3 ran. NR: Misconduct. 12l. R Williams at Newmarket. Tote: £1.50. DF: £2.40. CSF: £3.67.

3.45 (7f 214yd) 1, SOOTY TERN (R French, 9-2); 2, Victory Team (R Hughes, 5-1); 3, Chairmans Choice (S Drowne, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Night Wink (6th), 6 Confronter (4th), Fort Knox (5th), 11 Apollo Red, 12 *Marjaey*. 8 ran. 1l, ¾l, 2½l, 1¾l, 1l. J Bradley at Chepstow. Tote: £4.40; £1.70, £2.00, £1.50. DF: £17.90. CSF: £24.49. Tricast: £223.75.

4.15 (1m 3f 196yd) 1, DOUBLE EIGHT (D Holland, 5-2); 2, Cheek To Cheek (T Quinn, 5-1); 3, Lookingforarainbow (N Day, 6-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Blush (4th), 25 Magazine Gap (5th). 5 ran. NR: Snow Carnival. 2½l, 1¼l, 8l, dist. B Hills at Lambourn. Tote: £2.40; £1.80, £2.00. DF: £6.30. CSF: £13.54.

4.45 (6f 209yd) 1, BARBASON (Candy Morris, 4-1 jt-fav); 2, Stand Tall (G Duffield, 9-1); 3, Octavia Hill (C Lowther, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 4-1 jt-fav Mr Cube, 6 Balance Of Power (f), 8 Sharp Imp (5th), 12 Crystal Heights, 14 Mullu Franchise (4th), Oxbane, Pead Dawn (6th), 16 Dark Menace, 20 Fan Of Vent-Axia, Shifting Time, 25 Divine Miss-P, 33 Coastguards Hero. 15 ran. ¾l, sh hd, 4l, 1¼l, ½l. G L Moore at Brighton. Tote: £4.90; £1.80, £3.70, £3.60. DF: £25.80. Trio: £273.50. CSF: £39.08. Tricast: £330.32. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood

Placepot: £228.30. Quadpot: £49.40.

Beverley

Going: good to firm

2.00 (1m 100yd) 1, High Spirits (T E Durcan, 8-1); 2, Sharp Deed (9-1); 3, Gipsy Princess (9-2 jt-fav). Star Turn 9-2 jt-fav. 14 ran. ¾l, 1¾l. T Easterby. Tote: £7.90; £2.80, £3.30, £1.80. DF: £64.00. Trio: £54.80. CSF: £53.93. Tricast: £256.37.

2.30 (7f 100yd) 1, Caution (J Fortune, 10-11 fav); 2, Bollero (5-1); 3, Skyers Flyer (9-2). 6 ran. 1½l, 8l. Mrs J Ramsden. Tote: £2.10; £1.30, £2.10. DF: £3.80. CSF: £5.63.

3.00 (7f 100yd) 1, Cee-N-K (B Doyle, 9-1); 2, Hawait (5-2 fav); 3, Three For A Pound (5-1). 8 ran. ½l, 1½l. M Johnston. Tote: £13.20; £3.70, £1.40, £1.60. DF: £26.20. CSF: £30.66. Tricast: £119.93.

3.30 (5f) 1, Fashion Victim (A Culhane, 7-1); 2, Gildersleve (7-1); 3, Miss Eliminator (12-1). Patsy Culsyth 2-1 fav. 11 ran. Nk, 2½l. T Caldwell. Tote: £8.20; £2.10, £2.50, £3.80. DF: £35.10. Trio: £318.80 (part won, pool of £238.04 carried forward to 3.10 Sandown Park today). CSF: £49.01.

4.00 *(2m 35yd)* 1, Arian Spirit (T Williams, 4-1 jt-fav); 2, Highfield Fizz (10-1); 3, Batabanoo (9-1). Hasta La Vista 4-1 jt-fav. 11 ran. Nk, ¾l. J Eyre. Tote: £4.00; £1.60, £3.60, £1.80. DF: £26.40. Trio: £60.60. CSF: £40.79. Tricast: £314.58.

4.30 (5f) 1, Young Ben (G Parkin, 33-1); 2, Rennyholme (16-1); 3, Stolen Kiss (6-1); 4, *Superfrills (25-1)*. Ned's Bonanza 5-2 fav. 20 ran. Nk, 1¼l. J Wainwright. Tote: £63.70; £10.80, £4.40, £1.50, £10.50. DF: £450.80. Trio: £1,594.20 (part won, pool of £898.19 carried forward to 3.10 Sandown Park today). CSF: £491.41. Tricast: £3,314.17.

5.00 (5f) 1, Lets Be Fair (E Johnson, Evens fav); 2, *Cumbrian Cadet (100-30)*; 3, Half A Knicker (12-1). 10 ran. 9l, 1½l. J Hanson. Tote: £2.20; £1.10, £1.70, £2.10. DF: £3.90. Trio: £11.20. CSF: £4.03.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £6,349.42 carried forward to Sandown Park today).

Placepot: £599.80.

Quadpot: £614.10.

Monday's late details

Windsor

Going: good to firm

6.30 (1m 3f 135yd) 1, Nubile (D Holland, 11-8 fav); 2, *Le Grand Gousier (9-2)*; 3, Running Free (33-1). 10 ran. Hd, ½l. B Hills. Tote: £2.80; £1.20, £2.10, £3.50. DF: £4.50. Trio: £35.80. CSF: £6.34.

7.00 (5f 217yd) 1, Miss Zafonic (Pat Eddery, 7-2 jt-fav); 2, Dodo (8-1); 3, Jay Gee (25-1). Sada 7-2 jt-fav. 21 ran. NR: Quiz Show. ¾l, 3½l. R Hannon. Tote: £4.10; £1.90, £2.50, £7.00. DF: £12.80. Trio: £274.60. CSF: £27.09.

7.30 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, Sir Talbot (J Quinn, 5-1); 2, Future Perfect (6-1); 3, The Dilettanti (5-1). Yalta 11-4 fav. 9 ran. NR: Bit On The Side. 1½l, 3l. R Hannon. Tote: £6.10; £1.80, £1.90, £2.10. DF: £23.10. Trio: £41.90. CSF: £34.18. Tricast: £148.29.

8.00 *(1m 67yd)* 1, Comanche Companion (Pat Eddery, 9-1); 2, Fancy Design (16-1); 3, Calamander (15-2); 4, First Chance (12-1). Queen's Insignia 5-1 fav. 17 ran. 1½l, 1l. T Naughton. Tote: £10.80; £2.50, £3.50, £1.70, £2.70. DF: £153.40. Trio: £366.10. CSF: £128.81. Tricast: £1,077.15.

8.30 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, Mashank (R Cochrane, 9-4 fav); 2, Kayf Tara (9-2); 3, Kamanev (14-1). 16 ran. NR: Limni. 2l, 1½l. W Hern. Tote: £3.40; £1.40, £2.10, £4.10. DF: £7.40. Trio: £27.00. CSF: £11.36.

9.00 (5f 10yd) 1, Tommy Tempest (S Sanders, 9-1); 2, Dancing Mystery (10-1); 3, Nellie North (11-1); 4, Mindrace (8-1). Robo Magic 11-2 fav. 16 ran. NR: Impy Fox. ¾l, hd. R Peacock. Tote: £14.10; £2.70, £2.50, £2.80, £3.00. DF: £119.50. Trio: £417.20. CSF: £96.24. Tricast: £946.48.

Placepot: £236.10. Quadpot: £65.20.

Wolverhampton

Going: good to firm (good in places)

6.45 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Ordog Mor (A P McCoy, 1-4 fav); 2, Itsgonnashine (16-1); 3, Miss Souter (12-1). 6 ran. NR: Woodlands Energy. Dist, 4l. M Meagher. Tote: £1.20; £1.20, £2.40. DF: £4.50. CSF: £5.08.

7.15 (3m 1f ch) 1, Final Pride (R Johnson, 1-5 fav); 2, Walls Court (11-1); 3, Temple Garth (10-1). 4 ran. 6l, dist. P Bowen. Tote: £1.10. DF: £2.20. CSF: £2.94.

7.45 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Wilkins (M A Fitzgerald, 5-1); 2, Ilewin (7-1); 3, Reach For Glory (7-1). Out Ranking 6-4 fav. 7 ran. *4l, 11l. R O'Sullivan.* Tote: £6.40; £2.40, £2.20. DF: £17.20. CSF: £30.27.

8.15 (2m hdle) 1, Tengo Man (A P McCoy, 7-2); 2, Bigwheel Bill (Evens fav); 3, Fly To The End (11-1). 4 ran. 7l, 24l. J O'Shea. Tote: £2.90. DF: £2.00. CSF: £6.93.

8.45 (2m hdle) 1, Chocolate Ice (M A Fitzgerald, 2-1); 2, Nashaat (11-8 fav); 3, Araboybill (13-2). 11 ran. NR: Summer Villa. ¾l, 3l. R O'Sullivan. Tote: £2.30; £1.10, £1.10, £4.90. DF: £3.10. Trio: £9.40. CSF: £4.82.

9.15 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Red Light (A P McCoy, Evens fav); 2, Fame And Fantasy (6-1); 3, Suvalu (11-8). 4 ran. 1¾l, 14l. J Jenkins. Tote: £1.60. DF: £2.30. CSF: £6.32.

Placepot: £88.50. Quadpot: £48.10.

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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Sarah Teshome, one half of the reserve pair for the British Ladies team for the European Championship, made a couple of smart moves on this hand. It is from the final of the Crockfords Cup, currently the fourth most important of the domestic events.

Dealer North *Love all* *IMPs*

North:
♠AKJ73
♥5
♦A10832
♣A4

West:
♠1065
♥KQ63
♦Q976
♣K3

East:
♠Q984
♥742
♦KJ5
♣872

South:
♠2
♥AJ1098
♦4
♣QJ10965

S	W	N	E
—	—	1 S	Pass
2 C	Pass	3 D	Pass
3 NT	All Pass		

Contract: Three No-Trumps. Lead: queen of hearts.

In the tournament game it is usual to play a change of suit by opener as forcing after the responder has replied at the two level. If North had rebid Two Diamonds over Two Clubs, North-South might have arrive at the superior contract of Five Clubs.

West led the queen of hearts, on his methods denying a good heart holding. East played the two, and now Teshome in a near hopeless contract made the good play of the ten. That might have persuaded East to continue hearts if his initial holding had been say KQx.

However, West switched to a spade, the jack was played from dummy, and East won and played another heart. On this Teshome played the jack.

It should have been clear to West what was going on — East could hardly have the ace of hearts, having discouraged on the first round and continued with a low one on the second round. However, he played a third round of hearts and now Teshome could cash two more hearts before playing the queen of clubs. West mistakenly covered that, but even if he had played low declarer would have made the contract — after a second club she plays on spades, and eventually emerges with three tricks in spades, three in hearts, one in diamonds and two in clubs.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on *bridge Monday to Friday in* Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Prize Game

Each year I am called on to judge the best game prizes in the British Schools Chess Championship, sponsored by The Times. Last week I published the best game, today's fine strategic effort in which White first establishes positional dominance, and then beats off Black's desperate attack, was the runner up.

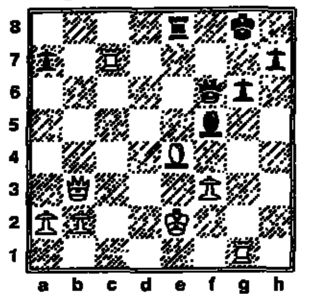
White: Richard Pert
Black: Joseph O'Conor
Times Schools, July 1997

French Defence

1	e4	e6
2	d4	d5
3	Nd2	Nf6
4	e5	Nfd7
5	Bd3	c5
6	c3	Nc6
7	Ne2	cxd4
8	cxd4	f6
9	exf6	Nxf6
10	*0-0*	*Bd6*
11	Nf3	Qc7
12	g3	0-0
13	Bf4	e5
14	dxe5	Nxe5
15	Nxe5	Bxe5
16	Rc1	Qd6
17	Qb3	Ng4
18	f3	Bxf4
19	Nxf4	Nxh2
20	Kxh2	Rxf4
21	gxf4	Qxf4+
22	Kg2	Qg5+
23	Kf2	Bh3
24	Rg1	Qh4+
25	Ke2	Re8+
26	Be4	Qf6
27	Qxd5+	Be6
28	Qxb7	Bf5
29	Rc7	g6
30	Qb3+	

Black resigns

Diagram of final position



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

AERONOMY
a. A chocolate dessert
b. The third book of the *Apocrypha*
c. Science of the upper atmosphere

SCHUPPANZIGH
a. A Hungarian supermarket
b. An Austrian violinist
c. A skiing manoeuvre

YOUNG'S MODULUS
a. A physical parameter
b. A juniors' housemaster
c. A statue

MOOCHA
a. A surfeit
b. A loincloth
c. A stroll in Spain

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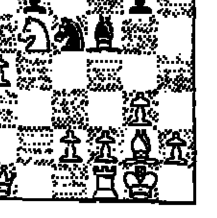
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Timman — Nijboer, Holland 1997. This position demonstrates that even the strongest players can occasionally make elementary mistakes. Timman has just advanced his knight to d5, to support his e7-pawn. What has he overlooked?



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Golf? Is that a dirty word in !Kung?

SIMON BARNES

Midweek View

Sport — well, it's a funny old game. Sport is every person's holiday from rationality. We take capricious likes and dislikes to an athlete, a team, an occasion, a sport: and then we are prepared to defend our caprice to the death.

Who reads the sports pages all the way through? Not a soul. Everybody with a taste for the sporting life has a favourite sport. Most have a good few others to which they are sympathetic, and everybody has a sport or two that they simply cannot stand.

Horse racing is, perhaps, the clearest example. For most people, racing is either the game of games, or something to which they are, at best, utterly indifferent. Now, as the sporting world braces itself for the Open Championship, the annual four-day festival of golf, I am brought face-to-face with my own sporting limitations.

I am not narrow-minded about sport, but I am happy — eager — to make an exception of golf. I am happy to watch, write about, revel in many sports that are treated with utter contempt. I love gymnastics and ice skating, and I think that dressage is close to being the game of games.

I have even watched and enjoyed such obviously daft sports as rhythmic gymnastics or competitive rock-climbing. Nor do I insist on physical exertion as a defining principle of sport: I am prepared to admire the skills of top performers in snooker, or the cold nerve of the champions in darts; or the lust for conquest in the chess master.

But golf? No, the red mists descend. In certain moods I will make out a logical case for denying golf the status of a true sport but, in my heart, I know it is nothing but blind prejudice. I could write as an environmentalist, and of the obscene herbicidal green of its myriad courses, the airport lounges of landcape architecture. I could claim that no activity in which men wear black watch tartan trousers is worthy of a serious person's consideration.

But the simple truth is that golf gets right up my nose and that is the beginning and the end of the matter.

I have written on every sport in the calendar, including sailing, which I do not understand, stage-race cycling, Greco-Roman wrestling and weightlifting. In the past 12 months, I have used, accurately, (show-off!) such terms as kovacs, piaffe and quadruple toe. But to write of birdie and bogey would stick in the port of my lap-top.

People have said to me: "Oh, go to such-and-such, watch so-and-so, and *then* you will understand." So I walked a while with John Daly at St Andrews. Big chap. Small ball. Whack! And all around me people gasped. It was as if they were watching the Pope. It was like being told a dirty joke in the language of the !Kung Bushmen. Golf? I just don't get it.

I used to feel that way about Formula One. I used to giggle when people said things like: "My God! Mansell's smoking!" But then I met Nelson Piquet, who was charming and wicked and hilarious and cunning and fast. And I met Ayrton Senna who was, as he himself once put it, Senna.

And if I think that Formula One is a sport that has lost its way, I understand it as the most sensually involving of all sports and its summit as the dwelling-place of rare men.

As the Tour de France continues to wind across France, I find a strange compulsion to watch it. I don't really get the hang of it all: but the lone breakaways and baying massed pursuits fire the imagination like a quarter-comprehended poem.

But golf? A man hits a little ball: and I scoff. So what? I say, contemptuously. As if there were anything intrinsically sensible about watching men kick a bladder into a net, anything especially wise about biffing a couple of bits of wood off three little sticks.

I write about sport and my specialist subject is not 4-4-2 or forehands and backhands or reverse swing; still less is it the kovacs, the piaffe and the quad toe. It is people in competition. The form of the competition is a secondary consideration. So I always say: but golf? No, I am sorry, but it really can't be done. All the same, to like any sport at all is to dwell in a glasshouse.

Moral: either all sports are silly, or none is. There is no room for manoeuvre between these points.

GOLF: WOODS DRAWN TO PLAY WITH LANGER AND ELKINGTON IN OPENING ROUNDS

Tiger could be late for his tea

By Mel Webb

IN ANY professional golf tournament, and particularly in the major championships, players and spectators alike are left under no misapprehension as to who are the stars and who the extras.

In spite of half-hearted protestations to the contrary, the draw is not, strictly speaking, what it is claimed to be. It does not have the out-of-a-hat, straight-as-a-die, pot-luck style of an FA Cup draw, for instance. The aristocracy of the game rarely play alongside the humble tillers of soil, especially in the first two rounds, and both gentry and proletariat know it. A draw, at least in the literal sense, it ain't.

It is, rather, a gentle, harmless and totally understandable swindle: if the books are not exactly cooked, they are at the very least lightly roasted. Thus, with the announcement of the order of play for the first two rounds of the Open Championship yesterday, there was not even a sniff of a surprise. It was ever thus and ever will be.

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP '97

The players who are the chosen elite really could not care less with whom they are picked to play. They are not afraid of anybody, they know that on their day they can beat anybody, so why should they mind who is standing alongside them on the tee?

Their playing partners are matters of supreme indifference to them, but they do care about other things, the first and most important of which is what time they will be called upon to strike their first shots. By and large, they prefer that their tee-times will allow them to be finished by teatime.

Most of the great and the good, therefore, will have been reasonably happy with their start times at this 126th Open Championship. Some big names do go out in the afternoon tomorrow and, unless his father saves him some, the biggest name of the lot will probably miss the Earl Grey and the smoked salmon sandwiches. At least he will get back in the hutch in plenty of time for tiffin on Friday.

Tiger Woods leaves the first tee in his first Open as a professional at 1.05pm in the company of two other major championship winners, Steve Elkington and Bernhard Langer. Having admitted that tee-times were important, he greeted the draw with equanimity. "I've got a pretty good pairing," he said. "I'm playing with two friends of mine — they are both real nice guys and fun to talk to."

The three-ball setting forth at 8.35am will provide an intriguing study, containing as it does Colin Montgomerie and Mark McNulty, men who can putt for gold, and another, Tom Watson, who, these days, cannot putt for toffee. "It's a good draw," Montgomerie said. "I don't want to be sitting round all day waiting to play, and I've got two players with me who are both capable of challenging for the title. It couldn't be better."

The earliest start given to a member of the golfing nobility, at 8.15am, goes to Greg Norman, who plays with Lee Westwood, considered by Montgomerie to be Europe's best player under 30, and Steve Stricker, of the United States. Westwood is a confident young chap who has the priceless gift of being completely underwhelmed by even the most exalted of partners.

Tom Lehman, the defending champion, plays with Miguel Angel Martin, the little Spaniard who will be competing against Lehman in the Ryder Cup in September, and Vijay Singh, of Fiji, at 1.25pm.

ADAM BUTLER

Faldo follows the flight of an iron shot during his practice round at Troon yesterday

TEE-OFF TIMES FOR THE OPENING TWO ROUNDS

Great Britain and Ireland unless stated

0715 and 1135: * S Webster, A Cabrera (Arg), D Howell
0725 and 1145: T Purtzer (US), R Boxall, W Westner (SA)
0735 and 1155: P Blackmar (US), J Spence, S McCarron (US)
0745 and 1205: N Sato (Japan), P McGinley, B Watts (US)
0755 and 1215: R Goosen (SA), S Torrance, P Stankowski (US)
0805 and 1225: P Lonard (Aus), * C Watson, J Maggert (US)
0815 and 1235: L Westwood, S Stricker (US), G Norman (Aus)
0825 and 1245: P-U Johansson (Swe), S Mori (Japan), J Nicklaus (US)
0835 and 1255: C Montgomerie, T Watson (US), M McNulty (Zim)
0845 and 1305: R Russell, F Couples (US), E Romero (Arg)
0855 and 1315: A Coltart, M Calcavecchia (US), T Izawa (Japan)
0905 and 1325: I Woosnam, R Allenby (Aus), P Stewart (US)
0915 and 1335: M O'Meara (US), S Maruyama (Japan), A Lyle
0925 and 1345: T Bjorn (Den), J Cook (US), S Ames (Tri)
0935 and 1355: J M Olazábal (Sp), T Kite (US), N Ozaki (Japan)
0945 and 1405: P Broadhurst, J Leonard (US), W Riley (Aus)
0955 and 1415: J Van de Velde (Fr), L Roberts (US), P Senior (Aus)
1005 and 1425: D Love (US), S Ballesteros (Sp), H Miyase (Japan)
1015 and 1435: I Baker-Finch (Aus), R Claydon, B Tway (US)
1025 and 1445: R McFarlane, E Andrade (US), M Roe
1035 and 1455: A Magee (US), P Curry, J Coceres (Arg)
1045 and 1505: K Duke (US), S Bottomley, * Y Taylor (US)
1055 and 1515: A Sandywell, G Clark, B McGovern
1105 and 1525: J Remesy (Fr), V Phillips, D Tapping
1115 and 1535: R Karlsson (Swe), T Gogele (Ger), C Perry (US)
1125 and 1545: J Kernohan (US), G Ghei (India), P Hinton
1135 and 0715: W Bladon, A Crerar, P Haugsrud (Nor)
1145 and 0725: * S Young, G Orr, D A Russell
1155 and 0735: D Hart (US), I Garrido (Sp), M Bradley (US)
1205 and 0745: C Strange (US), J Lomas, E Els (SA)
1215 and 0755: D Edlund (Swe), J Furyk (US), Y Kaneko (Japan)
1225 and 0805: D Clarke, S Jones (US), F Nobilo (NZ)
1235 and 0815: M James, M Wiebe (US), C Pavin (US)
1245 and 0825: C Rocca (It), L Janzen (US), M Long (NZ)
1255 and 0835: B Faxon (US), J Parnevik (Swe), R Green (Aus)
1305 and 0845: T Woods (US), B Langer (Ger), S Elkington (Aus)
1315 and 0855: P Harrington, M Brooks (US), C Parry (Aus)
1325 and 0905: M A Martin (Sp), T Lehman (US), V Singh (Fiji)
1335 and 0915: P Mitchell, C Stadler (US), D Frost (SA)
1345 and 0925: P Azinger (US), * D Olsson (Swe), G Player (SA)
1355 and 0935: N Faldo, T Tolles (US), N Price (Zim)
1405 and 0945: M A Jiménez (Sp), D Duval (US), G Turner (NZ)
1415 and 0955: P Hedblom (Swe), J Haas (US), Kim Jong-duck (S Kor)
1425 and 1005: A Cejka (Ger), P Mickelson (US), S Appleby (Aus)
1435 and 1015: R Damron (US), P Baker, R Davis (Aus)
1445 and 1025: P O'Malley (Aus), * B Howard, J Payne
1455 and 1035: G Brand Jnr, G Day (US), C Mason
1505 and 1045: P Fulke (Swe), J Kelly, * J Miller
1515 and 1055: M Bradley, P Teravainen (US), S Dunlap (US)
1525 and 1105: M Miller, G Murphy, M Mamat (Sing)
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WORD-WATCHING

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AERONOMY

(c) The science of the upper atmospheric region where dissociation and ionisation are important. It is the science of the atmosphere from about 30 km to its outer limit.

SCHUPPANZHIG

When Beethoven entrusted to his old friend "Fat Scuppanzhig" the premiere of Beethoven re Op 127, the first of the late quartets, he extracted a promise from all four players a pledge to do their best. The premiere proved a fiasco. Poor Scuppanzhig protested that "he could easily master the technical difficulties but it was hard to arrive at the spirit of the work: the ensemble was faulty, because of this fact and too few rehearsals."

YOUNG'S MODULUS

(a) A constant indicating the amount of a physical effect and that of the force producing it. In particular, Young's modulus of elasticity is the quantity by means of which the extension or contraction of a bar of a given material, and the amount of tension or pressure causing it, may be stated in terms of each other.

MOOCHA

(b) A short skirt worn as a loincloth by the aboriginal inhabitants of eastern South Africa.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 ... Rxb2! 2 Qxb2 Nf3+ and the white queen goes.

TELEVISION CHOICE

Painful path to fulfilment

The Day That Changed My Life
BBC2, 7.30pm

Being stabbed 35 times by a paranoid schizophrenic would change anybody's life, though for Julie Chimes the long-term effect was as much spiritual as emotional or physical. At the time of the attack, in March 1986, she had a high-powered job in advertising which gave her a superficially glamorous lifestyle but little time to think beyond the job. But as she fought for her life she had a beyond-body experience which convinced her that there was a bigger picture. She was fortunate in marrying a man sympathetic to her need to give up her career and start again. The couple moved abroad and settled in Spain where she paints, writes, makes furniture and has discovered unexpected talent as a singer. She tells even the most harrowing part of her story with an honesty that shirks nothing.

Wildlife Showcase
BBC2, 8.30pm

It seems no part of the former Yugoslavia can escape its violent past, even in a wildlife film. But central to this report from the river Soca in Slovenia is a story not of the recent conflict but of a bloody encounter during the First World War. In 1915, the valley through which the Soca runs became one of the war's bloodiest battlefields. Exhausted and hungry troops were forced to take what food they could and the Soca's fish stocks were devastated. The giant marble trout, one of the glories of the river, came close to extinction. The film shows how Jose Ocvirk, a local fish biologist, saved the species by breeding it in captivity and follows the trout's continuing battle for survival against such non-human predators as snakes, otters and brown bears.

Reputations: Simon Wiesenthal
BBC2, 9.00pm

For the first time, this series deals with a subject who is still living and able to reply to criticisms made of him. *Reputations* is in the business of reassessing public figures and often succeeds in revising them downwards. But Wiesenthal, for half a century the obsessive pursuer of Nazi war criminals, comes out largely intact. Yes, he has a huge ego and enjoys publicity. Yes, his activities have landed him in acrimony, even with natural allies such as the World Jewish Congress. His tactics have not always been clever. But for a Polish Jew who spent four years in Nazi concentration camps his passion is understandable and it has been mostly well directed. Saskia Baron's film carefully teases out Wiesenthal's role in the capture of Adolf Eichmann and explains his refusal to join the condemnation of Kurt Waldheim's alleged Nazi past.

Cowboy Monty Roberts (BBC1, 10.00pm)

QED: Monty Roberts, A Real Horse Whisperer
BBC1, 10.00pm

A lot of people have been killed trying to break mustangs, we are told, so Monty Roberts is putting himself on the line. We met Roberts in a previous *QED* film. He is the Californian cowboy who tames wild horses not by the usual means of trussing them up in ropes but by talking to them. He can get unbroken horses to accept a saddle and rider within 30 minutes. But the mustang, a specially wild and dangerous animal, is something else. The key to Roberts's method is to interpret a horse's body language and mimic it to gain trust. John Groom's film takes us to the Californian desert for the confrontation. The early skirmishes are discouraging. But a man who has tamed not only horses, but more than 40 delinquent children using similar methods, is not going to give up easily. **Peter Waymark**

RADIO CHOICE

My Uncle Freddie
Radio 4, 2.00pm

This new three-part series offers more evidence that Radio 4 is indeed broadening its geographical base so as to introduce a greater variety of voices. Not that the network has ever been slow to plunder the regions for good work but I sense that more of it is being encouraged now than was the case a few years ago. *My Uncle Freddie* evokes Tyneside in the 1930s and is about the relationship between a child, Lecky, and Uncle Freddie, a hero to Lecky and a weaver of wonderful tales. These stories become woven into the fabric of Lecky's otherwise dismal environment in Jarrow. In the first story Lecky and Uncle Freddie, played by Gareth Brown and Shaun Prendergast, are out fishing when they save the Prince of Wales from drowning.

Blood on the Floor
Radio 3, 7.30pm

Any work described by the critics as "adventurous" is unlikely to be aimed at those whose musical listening does not encompass anything written in the past 150 years. *Blood on the Floor* by Mark Anthony-Turnage was in fact first heard in London last spring and this is its first broadcast performance. The title comes from the painting by Francis Bacon and the work itself attempts to explore drug addiction and the tense, violent atmosphere of the inner city, but if this suggests that *Blood on the Floor* is entirely hard-edged that would be quite the wrong impression: there are also tender and emotional passages. The work is performed by Ensemble Modern, plus soloists who include the guitarist John Scofield. **Peter Barnard**

RADIO 1

7.00am Kevin Greening **9.00** Simon Mayo **11.30** Radio 1 Roadshow **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jo Whiley **3.00** Mary Ann Hobbs **6.15** Newsbeat **6.30** Evening Session **8.30** Global Update **8.40** John Peel **10.30** Claire Sturgess **1.00am** Charlie Jordan **4.00** Clive Warren

RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Nick Barraclough **8.00** Ralph McTell **9.00** Flamenco — Olé! **9.30** Half Sketch, Half Biscuit **10.00** Steve Wright Picture Show **10.30** Richard Allinson **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme **9.00** The Magazine **12.00pm** Midday News **2.00pm** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** Julian Worricker Nationwide **7.00** News Extra **7.30** Trackmarks. A four-part history of athletics with Steve Cram **8.00** The World of ... The Open Preview. Tony Adamson reports from Troon **9.00** Extra Time with Mark Steele **10.00** News Talk **11.00** News Extra with Valerie Sanderson **12.00** After Hours **2.00am** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

5.00am Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr **7.00** Paul Ross **9.00** Scott Chisholm **12.00** Lorraine Kelly **2.00pm** Tommy Boyd **4.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Anna Raeburn **9.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. News on the hour. **6.00am** Newsday **6.30** Europe **7.15** World Today **7.30** Sport **8.15** Off the Shelf **8.30** Meridian Live **9.10** Pause for Thought **9.15** Opera of the Week **10.05** Business **10.15** Farming **10.30** Science **10.45** Sport **11.30** One Planet **12.30pm** Sport **1.00** News in German **1.05** Business **1.15** Britain **1.30** Science **2.00** Newshour **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Megamix **4.05** Sport **4.15** Performance **4.30** News in German **5.00** Europe **5.30** Business **5.45** Britain **6.15** World Today **6.30** News in German **6.45** Sport **7.30** The Works **8.01** Outlook **8.25** Pause for Thought **8.30** Multitrack **9.00** Newshour **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** On Screen **11.30** World Today **11.45** Sport **12.05am** Outlook **12.30** Multitrack **1.30** From Our Own Correspondent **1.45** Britain **2.30** Omnibus **3.30** Meridian Books **4.05** Business **4.15** Sport **4.30** Europe

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Alan Mann **9.00** Henry Kelly **1.00pm** Classic Concerto. Haydn (Trumpet Concerto in E flat major); Vaughan Williams (Suite for Viola and Orchestra) **3.00** Jamie Crick **7.00** Classic Newsnight **7.30** Sonata. Bach (Cello Sonata No 1 in G major) **8.00** Classic Evening Concert. Wagner (Overture, Tannhäuser); Strauss (Ein Heldenleben); Khachaturian (Procession, Death of the Gladiator, Call to Arms, from Spartacus); Britten (Suite: King Arthur) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Classic Concerto (r)

VIRGIN RADIO

7.00am Nick Abbot **10.00** Graham Dene **1.00pm** Jeremy Clark **4.00** Nicky Horne **6.00** Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Richard Porter

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Includes Vivaldi (Viola d'Amore Concerto in D, RV392); Delius (Overture: Over the Hills and Far Away)
9.00 Morning Collection, with Penny Gore. Includes Massenet (Suite No 3, Scènes Dramatiques); Ravel (Jeux d'Eau); Mozart (Violin Concerto No 5 in A, K219, Turkish)
10.00 Proms Composer of the Week: Beethoven
11.00 Cheltenham Festival. Live from the Pittville Pump Room. Nash Ensemble. Mozart (Horn Quintet in E flat, K407); Lennox Berkeley (Sonatina for flute and piano); Colin Matthews (Elegiac Chaconne) **11.45** Doodling. Some arch-doodlers ponder the errant line, with original musical doodles by Steven Faux **12.05** Concert, part two. Brahms (Clarinet Quintet in B minor, Op 115)
1.00pm News; Voices at the Wigmore Hall. In the last of the series, Iain Burnside introduces Monica Groop, soprano, and Rudolf Jansen, piano. Schubert (Fischerweise; An Silvia; Schäfers Klagelied; Die Männer sind Mechant; Der Musensohn); Ravel (Chants Populaires, selection); Brahms (Des Liebsten Schwur, Op 69 No 4; Wie Melodien zieht es, Op 105 No 1; Immer Leiser Wird mein Schlummer, Op 105 No 2; Auf dem Kirchhofe, Op 105 No 4; Standchen, Op 106 No 1; Acht Zigeunerlieder, Op 103)
2.00 Midweek Choice, with Susan Sharpe. Includes Sibelius (The Tempest Suite No 2); Chopin (Berceuse in D flat, Op 57)
4.00 Choral Evensong. Live from Salisbury Cathedral
5.00 Music Machine. Tommy Pearson investigates the music behind a coronation ceremony
5.15 In Tune, with Anthony Burton. Includes J.C. Bach (Symphony in D, Op 18 No 4); Aare Merikanto (Pan); Brahms (Alto Rhapsody)
6.00 Rush Hour Concert. From the Wigmore Hall, London. Palladian Ensemble: Pamela Thorby, recorder, Rachel Podger, violin, Susanne Heinrich, viola da gamba, William Carter, theorbo-guitar. Blow (Sonata in A); Vitali (Chaconne, Op 7 No 3); Anon (A New Tune, Playford's New Dancing Master); Farinel (La Folia, The Division Flute); Locke (Broken Consort Suite No 6 in D); Christopher Simpson (Divisions in D, The Division Viol); Nicola Matteis (Suite, Ayres for the Violin)
7.00 Cocktails. Includes the bands of Geraldo, Ambrose and Sid Phillips and the voices of Bing Crosby and Hoagy Carmichael
7.30 Blood on the Floor (Sounding the Century). The composer Mark-Anthony Turnage introduces the work in conversation with David Sefton. Performed by John Scofield, guitar, Peter Erskine, drums, Martin Robertson, saxophone, Ensemble Modern under Peter Rundel. See Choice
8.50 Role Play. Michael Billington talks to the actresses Eleanor Bron and Juliet Stevenson about playing the Duchess of Malfi (3/5)
9.15 From Italy to Portugal. Carole Cerasi plays some Baroque rarities on historic harpsichords from the Finchcocks collection
10.00 Ensemble. Penny Gore introduces a recital by the Sorrel Quartet. Shostakovich (String Quartet No 7); Mozart (String Quartet in C, K465, Dissonance)
10.45 Night Waves. Humphrey Carpenter considers a biography of Louis Armstrong as unique material by the trumpeter becomes available
11.30 Composers of the Week: Early Spanish Music
12.30am Jazz Notes. Digby Fairweather introduces the first of two excerpts of the concert featuring Stacey Kent and the Jim Tomlinson Quintet
1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 In the Psychiatrist's Chair. Professor Anthony Clare interviews the violinist Nigel Kennedy (r)
9.45 Better than Sex Timberlake Wertenbaker remembers five o'clock in the afternoon (3/4)
10.00 News; A Good Read. Diane Abbott, MP, and the actor Bill Nighy discuss their favourite paperbacks
10.00 Daily Service (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour, with Jenni Murray
11.30 Gardeners' Question Time, with Eric Robson, Bob Flowerdew, Pippa Greenwood and Anne Swithinbank (r)
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Lesley Riddoch
12.25pm North East of Eden. The penultimate part of Peter Kerry's comedy. With Joan Sims and Rebecca Front **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One 2.40 The Archers (r)
2.00 News; My Uncle Freddie, by Alex Ferguson. See Choice
2.45 Countdown. Richard Leonard, an Australian Jesuit priest, gives his view of life in the 20th century (3/10)
3.00 The Afternoon Shift, with Daire Brehan
4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Gambaccini returns to the Bronx in New York where he developed his love for all kinds of music and the cinema
4.45 Short Story: The Accursed House, by Emile Gaboriau. Read by Alistair McGowan
5.00 PM, with Nigel Wrench **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 Brain of Britain. The third semi-final of the nationwide general knowledge quiz (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Cheshire Wives. The second of three programmes focusing on the richest people outside London
7.50 Witnessing History. In December 1971 Laurence Olivier starred in Eugene O'Neill's *Long Day's Journey into Night.* The production director and members of the audience and cast remember this momentous theatrical occasion (r)
8.20 Return of the Nomad. Tim Whewell visits Kazakhstan to find out whether the break-up of the Soviet Union has meant a return to their colourful way of life
9.00 Catalyst. What with all the column inches devoted to animal organ transplants and cloned sheep, Quentin Cooper ponders how far scientists are prepared to go in pushing evolution along (5/5)
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Captain Corelli's Mandolin, by Louis de Bernières. Abridged by Alison Joseph and read by Robert Powell (8/15)
11.00 Dry Slopes. A new comedy series written by and starring Nick Ball. The tale of Emma, a woman who has decided to jack it all in and move to Mauritius. With Louisa Rix and Robert Harley
11.30 And I Am the Queen of Sheba. Ken Livingstone, MP, chairs the panel game about lies, cheating and deceit. With guests Rebecca Front, Jeremy Hardy, Fred Macaulay and Jim Sweeney (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament (LW). A roundup of the day's events in Westminster
12.00 News 12.30am The Late Book: The White Boy Shuffle. Written by Paul Beatty and read by Ray Shell (3/10)
12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

FREQUENCY GUIDE. RADIO 1. FM 97.6-99.8. **RADIO 2.** FM 88.0-90.2. **RADIO 3.** FM 90.2-92.4. **RADIO 4.** FM 92.4-94.6; LW 198; MW 720. **RADIO 5 LIVE.** MW 693, 909. **WORLD SERVICE.** MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.55am). **CLASSIC FM.** FM 100-102. **VIRGIN RADIO.** FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. **TALK RADIO.** MW 1053, 1089. **Television and radio listings compiled by Peter Dear, Ian Hughes, Rosemary Smith, Susan Thomson, Jane Gregory and John McNamara.**

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An enjoyable drive, but who was steering?

REVIEW

Matthew Bond

Please excuse me, while I take a sledgehammer to dent a very inoffensive little nut. It's **Driving School** (BBC1), you see, it's still worrying me. Yes, yes — very funny, huge ratings and wasn't it wonderful last night when Maureen grabbed her examiner by the ears to kiss him when she finally passed at the eighth attempt. But is it — and here comes the sledgehammer — the future of documentary-making?

There are three ways of making a documentary. The first is how most of us imagine they are made. A film-maker chooses his or her subject and in the process of filming it, discovers what it's all about and what a lot of people think about it. This is objective film-making and strikes most of us as honest.

The second way involves the film-maker choosing a subject and deciding what they want to say before they shoot a single frame. They, too, then do a lot of filming, rejecting anything that doesn't fit the original thesis and keeping everything that does. This is subjective film-making and strikes most documentary-makers as powerful.

The third approach, however, is the one favoured by *Driving School*. This involves the film-maker choosing a subject and then deciding that — hang it, life's too short for either one or two. I'm going to tell them all what to do and, if they don't look out, what to say, too. This, to be technical, is known as makey-uppy film-making — great fun when the subject is learning to drive, but worrying for anything more heavyweight.

Just how much of *Driving School* was staged for the cameras was difficult to tell, because Francesca Joseph, the director, had chosen her cast with exquisite care. But the number of times not one but two perfectly focused, wobble-free cameras just happened to be there when something happened, suggested quite a lot.

They were there when Maureen, taking time-off from quoting Thomas the Tank-Engine in the police urinals, was having a little cry in the Lada . . . just as one her former instructors drove past. They were there in church when Maureen's husband just happened to ask her devout instructor whether he ever prayed for pupils before a test. They were there when Danny, recently dumped by Gillian from Preston, decided that his love life had to go on. Alas, the poor lad will never know whether the new object of his affections agreed to go out because she fancied him or because she fancied being on television. Yes, the cameras were there for that, too.

But, whatever I think of the technique, the result was wonderful television. The only thing I never understood was why all those police drivers were in it. Had they escaped from somebody else's documentary?

By contrast, **Tool Stories** (Channel 4) made a decidedly disappointing debut, resembling not so much an example of method one, two or three but more a case of somebody either losing their nerve or changing their mind. It was a mess. On paper it had looked promising — a professional builder visits alleged DIY experts and shows them how to do the job properly. It sounded confrontational and fun. On the screen, however, it looked like a fly-on-the-plasterboard series about DIY bores which hadn't really worked, so somebody had roped in George Herbert, master builder, to see if that helped.

It might have, if better editing had allowed George to be in three places at once, but it didn't. As a result, his sole contribution last night was showing an inexperienced couple how to lay quarry tiles on a perfectly level floor. Not even a master builder could pretend that it was difficult and to be fair he didn't, which may have been honest but made for very dull television.

Over on Channel 5 (now there's a phrase you don't see very often) **Plastic Fantastic** continued, with a popular variation of documentary method two: tell your interviewees one thing and then make a film that is exactly the opposite. As a result, all sorts of slightly tight-faced women lined up to wax lyrical about the benefits of plastic surgery, while extended footage of the surgery itself eloquently put the argument against.

What this programme is doing this side of the watershed, I have no idea — perhaps children are more resilient than television critics when it comes to watching faces being peeled off and tugged up into the hairline. But what was really awful about this particular episode was that we had to see all the blood and yukky yellow stuff twice.

"Because Sue is a nurse we let her view footage of her surgery," announced Louise Lombard's unnaturally calm narration. Sue may be a nurse but she seemed to feel exactly the same as me as she watched in part two what we had seen in part one. "I hadn't really appreciated the extent of the incision," she said weakly: "I feel as if I could faint." The film was directed by Douglas Churnside, which at least brought a smile to my by now rather pale face.

Finally, William Shatner turned out to be just about the only person I had heard of as Channel 4's new but definitely familiar science fiction quiz, **Space Cadets** got off the ground with two teams of alleged sci-fi celebrities and definitely not enough in the way of introductions from Greg Proops, the chairman. Interestingly, Shatner had clearly refused to wear the *Star Trek*-style uniforms that the rest of them were wearing, but energetically joined in what passed for fun as everybody worked far too hard to get jokes out of old film clips. It was humour, Jim, and definitely as we know it.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (57061)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (72055)
9.00 Breakfast News Extra (T) (3491158)
9.20 Ready, Steady, Cook (r) (1815264)
9.50 Kilroy (T) (5587332)
10.30 Who'll Do the Pudding? (36451)
11.00 News (T) and weather (7905210)
11.05 Due South A restaurateur's son is kidnapped by gangsters (r) (T) (7756662)
11.50 Good Neighbours (2095993)
12.00 News (T) and weather (8556603)
12.05pm Call My Bluff (6233351)
12.35 Neighbours (T) (8818210)
1.00 News (T) and weather (75142)
1.30 Regional News (42493581)
1.40 Perry Mason: The Case of the Reckless Romeo (1993) An actress is accused of murdering a talkshow host. With Barbara Hale and Geraldo Rivera. Directed by Christian I. Nyby II (T) (3695719)
3.10 Quincy (9460332)
4.00 Popeye (r) (7934974) **4.10** The Thunderfizards (7930158) **4.20** Morph TV with Tony Hart (4179055) **4.35** Prince of Atlantis (T) (8965500) **5.00** Newsround (T) (1018968) **5.10** Bright Sparks (4699581)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (956245)
6.00 News (T) and weather (871)
6.30 Regional News Magazine (351)
7.00 Animal Hospital Revisited The last of the series returns to Whipsnade Zoo for an update on Sparky the deer and the giraffe born in front of the cameras. Plus the arthritic elephant and the vulture which couldn't fly (T) (6158)
7.30 Hot Gadgets A new electric toothbrush, a voice-activated CD changer, an eye-operated camcorder and a phone which can help out in the kitchen (T) (535)
8.00 The National Lottery Live Boyzone join Carol Smillie (T) (452245)
8.15 Selection Box: Porridge Celebrity fans discuss the popular comedy (248516)
8.50 Points of View (T) (610332)
9.00 News (T) regional news and weather (6993) **9.29** National Lottery Update (793210)
9.30 Men Behaving Badly Tony develops a sudden interest in astrology (46239)
10.00 QED: Monty Roberts — A Real Horse Whisperer Californian cowboy Monty Roberts has a remarkable gift for taming horses (T) (159790)
10.50 The X Files: Die Hand Die Verletzt Scully and Mulder uncover evidence of black magic, sexual abuse and demonic sacrifice at the local high school (r) (T) (110581)
11.35 Smith and Jones Mel and Griff rehash the opening credits to *Goldfinger* (r) (T) (538871)
12.05am The Night They Raided Minsky's (1968) Britt Ekland plays an Amish girl who defies her strict religion and domineering father to become romantically involved with a burlesque performer. Also with Jason Robards. Directed by William Friedkin (556543)
1.40 Weather (2323765)

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BBC2

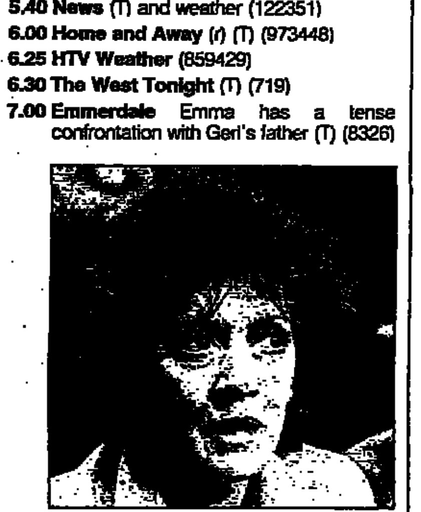
6.00am Open University: History of Maths: Non-Euclidean Geometry (7068332) **6.25** Design for People (7981239) **6.50** Clinical Trials (6278993)
7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (6930448)
7.30 The Moomins (7059806) **7.55** Activ-8 (r) (6990158) **8.20** Christopher Crocodile (3390784) **8.25** Johnson and Friends (3483054) **8.35** The Record (2427968) **9.00** Cartoon (5620852) **9.10** The Phil Silvers Show (1720142) **9.35** Great Mysteries and Myths of the 20th Century (2408784) **10.00** Teletubbies (32993)
10.30 Saint Joan (1957) with Jean Seberg, Anton Walbrook, Richard Widmark, John Gielgud and Richard Todd. George Bernard Shaw's play, adapted for the big screen by Graham Greene, directed by Otto Preminger (94939326)
12.20pm A-Z of Food (8558061) **12.30** Working Lunch (20245) **1.00** Joshua Jones (25195351) **1.10** Vaquero: The Unforgotten Cowboy (95905149) **1.40** Blockbusters (59409784) **2.05** Australia Wild (62095264) **2.35** Menus and Music (1831239) **2.50** News (T) (1687326) **2.55** Westminster with Nick Ross (5496581) **3.55** News (T) (2457332)
4.00 The Patsy (1964) Slapstick comedy, directed by and starring Jerry Lewis (97647061)
5.40 The Flying Vets (251087)
6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (r) (T) (611852)
6.45 International Golf: The Open Preview of this year's tournament (843784)
7.30 The Day That Changed My Life: Stranger in Paradise (1/6) (T) (177)
8.00 One Foot in the Past The dispute over the future of an old cinema in Devon; exploring the remains of London's River Fleet; and Raine, Comtesse de Chambrun, tours Cheltenham (3448)
8.30 Wildlife Showcase The Soca river in Slovenia which is home to the giant marble trout (T) (9055)

Simon Wiesenthal (9.00pm)

9.00 Reputations: Simon Wiesenthal — the Man Who Hunted Nazis A profile of the dedicated Nazi hunter (T) (1177)
10.00 Steptoe and Son (r) (94332)
10.28 Talking Tate (663513)
10.30 Newsnight (201887)
11.15 Gaytime TV The guests include Ned Sherrin and Chastity Bono, the daughter of Sonny and Cher (536245)
11.55 Weather (315142)
12.00 The Midnight Hour (33291)
12.30am Learning Zone: OU: Chemistry **1.00** Chemistry **1.30** Chemistry **2.00** Star Gazing (77456) **4.00** English Heritage (36524) **4.30** Unicef in the Classroom (35814) **5.00** Basic Skills (13104) **5.30** Voluntary Matters (34920)

HTV

6.00am GMTV (5975644)
9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (r) (T) (1809603)
9.55 Judge Judy (4512332)
10.20 News (T) (8314429)
10.25 Regional News (T) (6233500)
10.30 How to Murder a Millionaire (1990) with Joan Rivers, Alex Rocco and Morgan Fairchild. Comedy about a paranoid Beverly Hills housewife's attempts to avoid her murderous husband. Directed by Paul Schneider (94926852)
12.20 Regional News (T) (8552887)
12.30 News (T) and weather (8917535)
12.55 Shortland Street (8829326) **1.24** HTV Crimestoppers (83172871) **1.25** Home and Away (T) (37524871) **1.50** Look and Cook (r) (59589974) **2.20** Shattered Promises (r) (T) (5719142)
3.20 News (T) (1025332)
3.30 Tots TV (r) (4331177) **3.40** Gigglish Allsorts (r) (1542500) **3.50** Cartoon Time (2452887) **3.55** Oscar and Friends (r) (2451158) **4.00** The Animal Shelf (4257887) **4.15** Chatterhappy Ponies (T) (7851697) **4.25** Art Attack (4250974) **4.45** Behind *The Lost World* (T) (8956852)
5.10 Yan Can Cook: The Best of China (r) (1735535)
5.40 News (T) and weather (122351)
6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (973448)
6.25 HTV Weather (859429)
6.30 The West Tonight (T) (719)
7.00 Emmerdale Emma has a tense confrontation with Geri's father (T) (8326)



Amanda Barrie as Alma (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street Alma finds herself in the public eye (T) (603)
8.00 Inspector Morse: The Ghost in the Machine When valuable erotic paintings are stolen from a stately home, Morse and Lewis find themselves delving into the minds and morals of the aristocracy (r) (T) Followed by the National Lottery result (6055)
10.00 News (T) and weather (98158) **10.30** Regional News (487993)
10.40 Gayle's World Brenda Gilhooly's guests include "It" girls, Doreen from *Common Cabs* and the Gossips (T) (685500)
11.10 Live at Jongleurs with Mark Hurst, Ricky Grover and Russell Peters (T) (742852)
11.40 New York News (993516)
12.35am Real Stories of the Highway Patrol (3898369)
1.00 A Father's Revenge (1987) with Brian Dennehy, Joanna Cassidy and Helen Patton. A father is distraught when he learns his air stewardess daughter is being held by a group of terrorists. Directed by John Herzfeld (492123)
2.45 The Big Match Replayed (4993388) **3.30** Customs Classified (r) (8204475) **4.15** Cool Vibes (52771949) **4.30** Time, the Place (r) (22340) **5.00** Coronation Street (r) (T) (51730) **5.30** News

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:
10.30am Film: Secrets (94926852)
12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (8829326)
1.50-2.20 Now and Then (59589974)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1735535)
6.25-7.00 Central News (231245)
11.40 A Better Future (522210)
12.10 Alfred Hitchcock Presents (5276123)
12.40 Film: Murder in High Places (377123)
2.25 Bonkers (8324096)
3.25 The Chart Show (4429098)
4.15 Central Jobfinder '97 (6982630)
5.20 Asian Eye (9384456)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:
10.30 Film: Secrets (94926852)
12.55pm Home and Away (8860562)
1.20 Emmerdale (13545178)
1.50-2.20 Millionaires. A profile of Stephen Williams, a successful fine wine dealer (59589974)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1735535)
6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (25790)
11.40 Swift Justice (993516)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:
10.30am Film: Hart to Hart — Old Friends Never Die (94926852)
1.50pm-2.20 Summer Getaways (59589974)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1735535)
6.00 Meridian Tonight (239)
6.30-7.00 The Channel Story (719)
11.10 Truly, Madly, Weekly (742852)
11.40 Hunter (993516)
5.00am Freescreen (51730)

ANGLIA

As HTV West except:
10.30am Film: Hart to Hart — Old Friends Never Die (94926852)
12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (8829326)
1.50-2.20 Liza's Country (59589974)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1735535)
6.23 Anglia Weather (850158)
6.25-7.00 Anglia News (231245)
10.29 Anglia Air Watch (674789)
11.40 Weekly World News (522210)
12.10am Alfred Hitchcock Presents (3463814)

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Starts: 6.00am Sesame Street (77871) **7.00 The Big Breakfast** (61993) **9.00 Bewitched** (87185) **9.30 The Monroes** (1421210) **10.25 Outback Fighters** (6741784) **11.25 The Four Horsewomen** (8259142) **11.50 Seers and Clowns** (2088603) **12.00 House to House** (15871) **12.30pm Ricki Lake** (42413) **1.00 Slot Meithrin** (25008871) **1.15 Lisabeth** (25003326) **1.30 Travelog Treks** (41784) **2.00 Racing from Sandown Park** (5516) **4.00 Fifteen-to-One** (332) **4.30 Dosh** (516) **5.00 5 Pump** (2851087) **5.15 Ffeil** (1013413) **5.30 Countdown** (968) **6.00 Newyddion** (597177) **6.05 Heno** (888326) **6.35 Jac yn y Bocs** (866719) **7.00 Pobol y Cwm** (998697) **7.25 Cnapan '97** (4338806) **8.30 Newyddion** (5121) **9.00 The Deep** (6245) **10.00 Brookside** (437500) **10.35 Tour De France** (646111) **11.05 Gas** (847351) **11.35 Cybill** (521581) **12.05am Invasions of the Big-Haired Lesbians** (3189253) **12.55 Queerspotting** (8984630) **1.25 DIY** (3911727) **1.35 Cottage Cheese** (1155949) **1.50 Film: Boyfriends** (5871253)

CHANNEL 4

6.00am Sesame Street (r) (77871) **7.00** The Big Breakfast (61993) **9.00** Bewitched (r) (T) (87185) **9.30** The Monroes (1421210)
10.25 Outback Fighters The tent boxers of turn-of-the-century rural Australia (r) (T) (6741784)
11.25 The Four Horsewomen The Dartmeet and Endurance Pleasure ride (r) (T) (8259142)
11.50 Seers and Clowns Animation (2088603)
12.00 House to House Political magazine (15871)
12.30pm Blue Wilderness: Turning Turtle (r) (T) (42413) **1.00** Moving People (r) (T) (68852) **1.30** Australia Wild (r) (T) (59405968)
1.55 Racing from Sandown Park The **2.05, 2.35, 3.10 (Hong Kong Jockey Club Trophy)** and **3.40** races (65845968)
3.50 Fifteen-to-One Grand Final (T) (6362055) **4.30** Countdown (T) (8966239) **4.55** Ricki Lake (r) (T) (2982622) **5.30** Pet Rescue (r) (T) (968)

Denise van Outen (6.00pm)

6.00 Snap! A new showbiz magazine presented by Denise van Outen featuring a concert performance by Gary Barlow (1/8) (T) (581)
6.30 Tour de France The 192km stage from Andorra to Perpignon (531)
7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (735806)
7.50 York Early Music Festival Songs from the Ebor Singers (760516)
8.00 Brookside Jimmy has plans for the baby's future. Tinhead causes more trouble for Carmel and Sinbad. Ollie turns to Eleanor for help with Bel's demands (T) (8516)
8.30 Guilty Conscience (1985) with Anthony Hopkins, Blythe Danner and Swoosie Kurtz. A made-for-television drama about a man who has the tables turned on him by his wife and mistress. Directed by David Greene (79424719)
10.20 Space Cadets Sci-fi quiz (r) (T) (967968)
10.50 Blue Murder The conclusion of the Australian crime drama begun last night (T) (53580018)
12.45am The Third Secret (1964, b/w) A thriller with Stephen Boyd as a man investigating the suspicious death of a prominent psychiatrist. Directed by Charles Crichton (826814)
2.40 Travels with My Camera: No Direction Home Charles Nicholl travels through the Horn of Africa on the trail of the 19th-century poet and gunrunner, Arthur Rimbaud (T) (4678982)
3.40 Home Away from Home (r) (T) (14284098)
3.50 J'Adore: Sir Donald Wolfit (r) (T) (98099388)
4.20 J'Accuse: Leonardo (r) (T) (1192340)
4.55 Tour de France (r) (22806949)
5.20 Backdate (r) (T) (5005388)

CHANNEL 5

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE
Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder No 63 on the Astra Satellite. Viewers with a **Videocrypt** decoder will be able to receive the channel free of charge. Frequencies for transponder No 63 are picture: **10.92075 GHz**; sound: **7.02 and 7.20 MHz**

6.00am 5 News Early (9390784)
7.30 Havakazoo (7126871) **8.00** Adventures of the Bush Patrol. Last in series (7023968) **8.30** WideWorld. Focusing on Indian communities who are attempting to break the cycle of poverty (7022239) **9.00** Espresso (3896429) **10.00** Exclusive! (r) (5702239) **10.30** Flights of Fancy (r) (7108603)
11.00 Leeza (6757719) **11.50** Double Espresso (19508177) **12.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (7026055) **12.30pm** Family Affairs (r) (T) (4690413)
1.00 5 News Update (T) (57768069) **1.05** Sunset Beach (T) (8633500) **2.00** 5's Company (6613055)
3.30 Human Feelings (1979) with Nancy Walker, Billy Crystal and Pamela Sue Martin. Comedy about an angel sent to earth to find six clean-living individuals in Las Vegas in a week. Directed by Ernest Pintoff (1132500)
5.20 5's Company: Late Extra (68756413)
5.30 100 Per Cent (7536993)
6.00 Move on Up (T) (7533806)
6.30 Family Affairs Holly is concerned that David is taking their relationship too seriously (T) (7524158)
7.00 Exclusive! Julia Bradbury takes a look behind the scenes at the hospitality suite of a top London hotel (6710697)
7.30 Close Encounters A look at the symbiotic relationships between a man and his dog, an antelope and an oxpecker, and a weaver bird and a wasp (T) (7440142)
8.00 Instant Gardens William van Hage sets to work on another garden. This week's task involves transforming an Edinburgh garden into a stimulating area for a family with five children (6892245)
8.30 5 News (T) (6708852)

Rebecca De Mornay stars (9.00pm)

9.00 Getting Out (1993) with Rebecca De Mornay, Ellen Burstyn and Robert Knepper. Emotive drama about a mother's battle to be reunited with her baby. Directed by John Korty (59235429)
10.40 Not the Jack Docherty Show (1339264)
11.25 Prisoner: Cell Block H (9707603)
12.25am Live and Dangerous Baseball action from the major league (13241123)
4.40 The Streets of San Francisco (6050475)
5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (3704494)

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY 1

6.00am Morning Glory (867559) **9.00** Regis and Kathie Lee (27332) **10.00** Another World (99992) **11.00** Days of Our Lives (93516) **12.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (83784) **1.00pm** Geraldo (65332) **2.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (88142) **3.00** Jenny Jones (72158) **4.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (84993) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (3412) **6.00** Real TV (9351) **6.30** Married — with Children (8513) **7.00** The Simpsons (4142) **7.30** M*A*S*H (6887) **8.00** Beverly Hills 90210 (12345) **9.00** Melrose Place (11581) **10.00** Silk Stalkings (21968) **11.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (49451) **12.00** Late Show with David Letterman ([illegible]524) **1.00am** Hit Mix (8854494)

SKY 2

7.00pm Superboy (3505041) **7.30** Superboy (5459968) **8.00** Sightings (2189887) **9.00** New York Undercover (2192351) **10.00** Water Rats (2089210) **11.00** In the Heat of the Night (8014887) **12.00** Hit Mix (8122456)

SKY NEWS

Worldwide news coverage, with bulletins on the hour. 24 hours a day, seven days a week

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Red (1986) (49581) **7.30 Double Man (1967)** (27784) **9.30 Crooks and Coronets (1969)** (29993) **11.30 Canadian Bacon (1994)** (49697) **1.30pm Start the Revolution Without Me (1970)** (61448) **3.30 The Beniker Gang (1985)** (40326) **5.00 Red (1986)** (50568) **7.00 Canadian Bacon (1994)** (90103) **9.00 Something to Talk About (1995)** (29530) **11.00 Prelude to Love (1995)** (22535) **12.30am No Ordinary Summer (1994)** (483123) **2.25 Cabin Boy (1994)** (2265524) **3.50 A Vow to Kill (1994)** (27518543)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Joan of Paris (1942) (49790) **8.00 Behind the Waterfall (1995)** (73264) **10.00 Living It Up (1954)** (72535) **12.00 The St Tammany Miracle (1994)** (63887) **2.00pm The Treasure of Pancho Villa (1955)** (55090) **4.00 Behind the Waterfall (1995)** (9887) **6.00 Young Indiana Jones and the Attack of the Hawkmen (1995)** (36351) **7.30 E! News Week in Review** (6697) **8.00 Jack and Sarah (1995)** (28871) **10.00 Serial Killer (1995)** (708906) **11.35 Last Gasp (1994)** (840803) **1.10am Addicted to Love (1995)** (837369) **2.45 Daddy's Gone A-Hunting (1969)** (677776) **4.35 Gulliver's Travels (1983)** (4676746)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm The Stratton Story (1949) (2442968) **8.00 Captive Hearts (1987)** (2447413) **10.00 Blind Fury (1989)** (6489448) **11.30 Tequila Sunrise (1988)** (1167448) **1.25am Spenser: For Hire (1985)** (8882099) **3.05-4.55 Queen's Logic (1991)** (2898630)

TNT

9.00pm They Died with Their Boots On (1941) (13437719) **11.30 Dodge City (1939)** (59527061) **1.20am The Red Badge of Courage (1951)** (37498861) **2.45-5.00 Ringo and his Golden Pistol (1966)** (97038727)

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Sports Centre (50871) **7.30** Wrestling (75974) **8.30** Racing News (56535) **9.00** Sports Centre (47887) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (81719) **10.00** Pool: World Masters (31790) **11.00** Cricket: Kent v Leicestershire — Live (82326) **1.00pm** Second Innings (59142) **1.30** Cricket — Live (1259784) **6.00** Sports Centre (7177) **6.30** Futbol Mundial (8429) **7.00** Full Throttle (2516) **7.30** European Tour Magazine (4413) **8.00** Football: Irish Tournament — Live (446790) **10.30** Sports Centre (64500) **11.00** Big Shots (49719) **12.00** Futbol Mundial (28307) **12.30am** Sports Centre (72630) **1.00** Football: Irish Tournament (44974) **2.30** Big Shots (44901) **3.30-4.00** Sports Centre (25807)

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 Big Shots (10123852) **1.00pm** Golf Extra (21582264) **3.30** Football: PSV Eindhoven v Newcastle United (12915332) **5.00** Wrestling (52925264) **6.00** Winning Post: Brighton and Doncaster — Live (63058448) **8.30** Golf Extra (63966413) **11.00-11.30** European Tour Magazine (60852326)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Motors Magazine (97142) **8.30** Athletics: European Under-22 Championships (41603) **9.00** Tour De France (24968) **11.00** Motorcycling: Euro Open Series (46522) **12.00** Wheelies Magazine (52719) **12.30pm** Kick Magazine (70603) **1.00** Tour De France (75158) **2.00** Tour De France — Live (48055) **3.30** Lanzarote Ironman (21577) **4.30** Tennis: Mercedes Cup (50142) **6.00** Athletics: Nice IAAF Grand Prix — Live (4061806) **9.30** Tour De France (30784) **10.30** Fencing (33210) **11.30** ATP Tour Review (18513) **12.00-12.30am** Rally Tour of Corsica (13475)

UK GOLD

7.00am Animal Magic (6521061) **7.35** Neighbours (5968239) **8.00** Crossroads (8477069) **8.25** EastEnders (7485871) **9.00** The Bill (4240968) **9.30** Shelley (8777581) **10.00** Tellystack (1079887) **10.30** Sullivans (4239852) **11.00** Bergerac (49141448) **12.05pm** Crossroads (61651603) **12.30** Neighbours (8788697) **1.00** EastEnders (5502332) **1.35** Morecambe and Wise (5405852) **2.35** After the Show (2211210) **2.50** It Ain't Half Hot, Mum (5219185) **3.30** The Bill (9818968) **4.00** Boon (1645055) **5.00** Casualty (66864603) **6.05** EastEnders (8096500) **6.40** Sykes (7047790) **7.20** Dr Who (5014968) **7.50** George and Mildred (5992585) **8.20** Hi-De-Hi (8934603) **9.00** The Bill (1641239) **9.30** The Chief (94204910) **10.35** Sports Anorak of the Year (3836332) **11.05** New Statesman (1027536) **11.40 FILM: Love at Large** (7264142) **1.20am** Hazell (1534773) **2.16** Shopping (28782727)

GRANADA PLUS

6.00am The Box (1189065) **7.00** Coronation St (2483069) **7.30** Families (8984054) **8.00** Surprise! Surprise! (4896413) **9.00** Dempsey and Makepeace (5706993) **10.00** Gentle Touch (2584018) **11.00** London's Burning (2689662) **12.00** Coronation St (4016974) **12.30pm** Families (9713595) **1.00** Two's Company (7338910) **1.30** Beautiful Home Show (2248956) **2.00** Surprise! Surprise! (9998622) **3.00** Gentle Touch (5726974) **4.00** Dempsey and Makepeace (5632581) **5.00** London's Burning (1600603) **6.00** Families (8598719) **6.30** Coronation St (8408871) **7.00** Gentle Touch (1393326) **8.00** Dempsey and Makepeace (1475974) **9.00** Coronation St (5734993) **9.30** Wheeltappers and Shunters (8187451) **10.00-11.00** London's Burning (1383697)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

6.00am Dumbo's Circus (23500) **6.30** Faerie Tale Theatre (64719) **7.30** Little Mermaid (7241264) **7.55** Timon and Pumbaa (6101790) **8.10** Goof Troop (4581535) **9.00** Tale Spin (6799581) **9.25** Aladdin (6700284) **10.15** Mighty Ducks (3009535) **11.00** Boy Meets World (5175500) **11.25** Wonder Years (7004564) **11.50** Timon and Pumbaa (4444871) **12.05pm** Bonkers (1999239) **12.30** Microscopic Milton (38655790) **12.35** Big Garage (35906429) **12.50** Sing Me a Story (6062429) **1.15** Amazing Animals (53457993) **1.40** Wonderland (21763210) **2.05** Small Stories (85912351) **2.10** Lamb Chop (32662974) **2.40** Care Bears (7039158) **3.00** Little Mermaid (4993429) **3.25** Timon and Pumbaa (8212142) **3.40** Tale Spin (6487535) **4.30** Chooseday (2264) **5.00** Aladdin (4543871) **5.25** Timon and Pumbaa (5835055) **5.35** Mighty Ducks (857535) **6.00** Flash Forward (5559) **6.30** Boy Meets World (1581) **7.00** Brotherly Love (2968) **7.30 FILM: The Ransom of the Red Chief** (47500) **9.00-10.00** Touched by an Angel (85535)

Music from The Police (All day, VH1)

FOX KIDS NETWORK

6.00am Three Little Ghosts (5976429) **6.30** Inspector Gadget (6114448) **7.00** Samurai Pizza Cats (6932239) **7.30** Power Rangers Zeo (8017974) **8.00** Beetleborgs (8738413) **8.30** Crocadoo (8737784) **9.00** Rimba's Island (6652719) **9.20** Magic Box (9903622) **9.45** Dudley the Dragon (2366968) **10.05** Rimba's Island (7575055) **10.25** Magic Box (6435784) **11.00** Jin Jin (6856142) **11.30** Pinocchio (6857871) **12.00** Inspector Gadget (8731500) **12.30pm** VR Troopers (33522072) **12.50** Power Rangers Zeo (88471528) **1.10** Beetleborgs (12297142) **1.30** Eek! (9850429) **2.00** Life with Louie (7105005) **2.30** Crocadoo (5534803) **3.00** Gadget Boy (3606090) **3.30** Eek! (5546448) **4.00** Life with Louie (5452055) **4.30** Power Rangers Zeo (5458239) **5.00** Beetleborgs (4151185) **5.30** Spiderman (5545719) **6.00** X Men (5535332) **6.30-7.00** Goosebumps (5453784)

TCC

6.00am Iznogoud (39054) **6.30** Dangermouse (13603) **7.00** Dennis the Menace (44061) **7.30** Where's Wally? (67968) **8.00** Batman (80516) **8.30** Art Attack (76993) **9.30** Earthworm Jim (34871) **10.00** Gravedale High (31055) **10.30** Flash Gordon (92351) **11.00** Creepy Crawlers (51603) **11.30** Cadillacs and Dinosaurs (52332) **12.00** Gravedale High (83803) **12.30pm** Stunt Dawgs (18887) **1.00** Batman (43332) **1.30** Dangermouse (17158) **2.00** Creepy Crawlers (4326) **2.30** Flash Gordon (5974) **3.00** Sonic (9061) **3.30** Earthworm Jim (7719) **4.00** Dennis the Menace (3326) **4.30-5.00** Art Attack (2210)

CARTOON NETWORK

Non-stop cartoons from **5.00am** to **9.00pm** Includes Tom and Jerry, Popeye and The Flintstones

NICKELODEON

6.00am Dr Seuss (81500) **6.30** Wil Quack Quack etc (29413) **7.00** Babar (58413) **7.30** Tales from the Cryptkeeper (40448) **8.00** Jumanji (55806) **8.30** Hey Arnold! (54177) **9.00** Rugrats (45429) **9.30** Rugrats (72061) **10.00** Doug (16993) **10.30** Aaahh! Real Monsters (61413) **11.00** Rocko (13429) **11.30** Ren and Stimpy (14158) **12.00** Pete and Pete (58993) **12.30pm** Clarissa (83177) **1.00** Alex Mack (57784) **1.30** Round the Twist (82448) **2.00** Bailey Kipper (6142) **2.30** Littlest Pet Shop (7790) **3.00** Stickin' Around (8177) **3.30** Bruno the Kid (9535) **4.00** Hey Arnold! (5142) **4.30** Rugrats (1326) **5.00** Sister Sister (3622) **5.30** Sister Sister (8806) **6.00** Moesha (5719) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (6871)

TROUBLE

12.00 Byker Grove (4248500) **12.30pm** Ready or Not (8879993) **1.00** Madison (9576351) **1.30** Sweet Valley High (8878264) **2.00** Swan's Crossing (2706055) **2.30** 9-2-5 (8904719) **3.00** Byker Grove (2881790) **3.30** Hangtime (9909264) **4.00** California Dreams (9815871) **4.30** Saved by the Bell (9811055) **5.00** Sweet Valley High (2893535) **5.30** Ready or Not (9908535) **6.00** Hangtime (9905448) **6.30** Madison (9816500) **7.00** Saved by the Bell (2700871) **7.30-8.00** California Dreams (9812784)

BRAVO

8.00pm New Twilight Zone (2899719) **8.30** Monsters (2705326) **9.00** LA Heat (6416061) **10.00** Tour of Duty (6426448) **11.00 FILM: Ticks** (7838245) **1.00am** LA Heat (4249456) **2.00** Tour of Duty (5696833) **3.00 FILM: The Toxic Avenger II** (6891253) **5.00** New Twilight Zone (8865104) **5.30** Monsters (1910340)

PARAMOUNT COMEDY

7.00pm Roseanne (4018) **7.30** Family Ties (2055) **8.00** E UK (9806) **8.30** Wings (5413) **9.00** Cheers (26993) **9.30** Cybill (90413) **10.00** Frasier (59622) **10.30** It's Garry Shandling's Show (62142) **11.00** Comedy Store (25210) **11.30** Lounge Lizards (12177) **12.00** Soap (26949) **12.30am** Bob (70272) **1.00** Cheers (52036) **1.30** Cybill (75475) **2.00** E UK (97272) **2.30** Comedy Store (16307) **3.00** Frasier (32272) **3.30-4.00** Wings (25889)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

8.00pm Space Precinct (8204887) **9.00 FILM: The Running Man** (8207974) **11.00 FILM: Cyber City** (5787239) **12.30am** The Next Step Beyond (4112678) **1.00** The Twilight Zone (8409562) **1.30** One Step Beyond (9072776) **2.00 FILM: The Running Man** (9471253) **3.00-4.00** Dark Shadows (8473678)

HOME & LEISURE

9.00am The Joy of Painting (4231210) **9.30** Garden Calendar (8871351) **10.00** Garden Club (1077429) **10.30** Craftwise (4333622) **11.00** Room for Improvement (1725245) **11.30** Sweet Things (1726974) **12.00** Julia Child (4324974) **12.30pm** Hometime (8786239) **1.00** This Old House (9483697) **1.30** New Yankee Workshop (8778210) **2.00** Tool Box (2882429) **2.30** Driving Passions (9900993) **3.00** Driving Passions (2894264) **3.30** Roadrunner (9809210)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Danger Zone (9991245) **4.30** Ambulance! (9997429) **5.00** Connections 2 by James Burke (2793581) **5.30** Jurassica (9808581) **6.00** Wild Sanctuaries (9901622) **6.30** Crocodile (9992974) **7.00** Invention (3896245) **7.30** Time Travellers (9998158) **8.00** Mysterious Universe (2895993) **8.30** Ghosthunters II (2701500) **9.00** UFO: Down to Earth (6429535) **10.00** The Sexual Imperative (6422622) **11.00** Special Forces: Brazilian Special Forces (1644326) **11.30** Special Forces: Royal Dutch Marines (1993413) **12.00** Flight Deck (1922185) **12.30am** Ambulance! (9109833) **1.00** Time Travellers (4298104) **1.30-2.00** Connections 2 by James Burke (7725727)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm The Boer War (9366993) **5.00** The Native Americans (6776142) **6.00** Ancient Mysteries (9841887) **7.00-8.00** Biography: Alexander Graham Bell (8122238)

CHALLENGE TV

Win with Prize Time twice an hour
5.05pm Cross Wits (7776332) **5.30** Family Fortunes (769326) **6.30** Catchphrase (755264) **7.05** Winner Takes All (899332) **7.40** Give Us A Clue (600535) **8.20** All Clued Up (742245) **9.00** Through the Keyhole (819090) **9.35** Sale of the Century (978429) **10.10** Treasure Hunt (362697) **11.20** Studs (189974) **12.00** Winner Takes All (64123) **12.30am** Hart to Hart (19920) **1.30** Sweet Justice (41765) **2.30** African Skies (21253) **3.00** My Two Dads (70456) **3.30** Big Brother Jake (45833) **4.00** The Fall Guy (51630) **5.00** Shopping (87494)

UK LIVING

7.00am Tiny Living (36209871) **9.05** Gladrags and Glamour (4427332) **9.15** Gordon Elliott (3674697) **10.05** Jerry Springer (3717061) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (3982516) **11.50** Brookside (9648622) **12.25pm** Why Me? Real Life Case Studies (70286332) **12.55** Tempest! (4746264) **1.40** Rolonda (2186581) **2.30** The Agony Experience (5714603) **3.00** Live at Three (90135784) **4.05** Jerry Springer (6418871) **5.05** Lingo (57460790) **5.30** Lucky Ladders (5725719) **6.00** I Dream of Jeannie (7383968) **6.35** Ready, Steady, Cook (2555177) **7.05** Hearts Afire (7709516) **7.35** Brookside (1203142) **8.05** Rolonda (9561239) **9.00 FILM: Love and Curses** (2444326) **11.00-12.00** The Sex Files II (9262210)

ZEE TV

7.00am Jaagran (45473351) **7.30** ZEE Presents (48469158) **8.00** Raahat (71463245) **8.25** Ek Nazar (53198326) **8.30** A Question of Cricket (21971697) **9.00** Balikar Prem (21068177) **9.30** Nagar Pane Roop Nagar (24626974) **10.00** Tara (48385142) **11.00** The Low Cal Show (95982784) **11.30** Live Asia Cup Cricket (42830500) **7.30pm** Banegi Apni Baat (64141513) **8.00** News and Euronews (52623429) **8.35** Dastaan (69450121) **9.05** Awaazain (74963719) **10.00** Film Baaten (21976142) **10.30** Purush Kshetra (36857055) **11.30-12.00** ZEE Horror Show (66773968)

MTV

The 24 hour music channel. Includes news, reviews, live concert footage, interviews and the latest music video charts from the USA and Europe

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The video hits channel. Classic rock and pop videos and the best new sounds. Includes Ten of the Best and The Vinyl Years

RACING 43
Jones sets out stall as new Tote chairman

SPORT

CYCLING 45
Ullrich claims yellow jersey in Tour de France

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Scotland's champion ideally prepared to fulfil great expectations at Troon

Montgomerie feels right at home

By John Hopkins
GOLF CORRESPONDENT

Montgomerie, smiling and relaxed yesterday, believes he has never had a better chance of success than in this Open Championship. Photograph: Marc Aspland

YEARS ago in the Ayrshire town of Troon, a little boy would come out of a sturdy flat-fronted house on South Beach, the road nearest the Firth of Clyde, and turn left to walk the children's course at Royal Troon Golf Club. Golf was not the only passion of our chubby sporting hero. Later, he would mature into an attacking batsman and a fast bowler at cricket and a goalkicker with a powerful boot on the rugby field.

The land on which our prodigy took his first golfing swipes is at present covered by enough tentage to house an army on the eve of a medieval battle. The little boy, though, remembers it clearly enough to bring a smile to his face. "We had great fun there," Colin Montgomerie said. "Me, my brother, my parents, too. They have flattened it to provide land for the tented village. In those days I used to walk to the course. I couldn't get lost. It was only 150 yards away."

Tomorrow, Montgomerie sets out on an adventure every bit as great as those he took all those years ago. Europe's No 1 player for the past four years, and ranked fourth in the world, behind Tiger Woods, Ernie Els and Greg Norman, starts the 126th Open Championship in the most relaxed frame of mind and with his form as good as it could possibly be. Two victories in Europe and a second place in the US Open in the past eight weeks indicate that his game has reached a level he has rarely, if ever, reached before and maintained it for longer than he dared hope.

Thus, the ultimate prize of victory in the Open awaits Montgomerie at the club where his father has been secretary for 11 years and will remain so until retiring at the end of next month. "Since I heard seven years ago that the Open was coming here in 1997, this is the major championship I have been looking forward to," Montgomerie said. "This, to me, is home, this is where my family are, where my wife is from and where my father lives and works. This is it as far as major championships are concerned for me."

Yet, to hoist the oldest prize in professional golf above his head on Sunday evening, and perhaps to say "wow!" as Tom Lehman did so expressively last year, will require Montgomerie to put behind him a dismal record in recent Open championships. Four times in the past five years, Montgomerie has failed to progress beyond the first two rounds. It has become one of golf's debating points: why can't Montgomerie do better in the Open?

Montgomerie believes that the poor weather in tournaments immediately before the Open has not helped his swing. Yet there is a suspicion that Montgomerie needs the reference points of an inland course, such as those on which the US Open is played and on which he has done so well, rather than the barren, usually treeless landscape of an Open course.

"There is no secret that I know my way around here and obviously I am feeling quite confident about performing better than I have in the past," Montgomerie said. "I have got to go out there and prove myself. I am OK physically and I am OK mentally. The question is: 'Can I cope with the pressure?' The shots I have been hitting have been good. I am playing the best golf of my career. I am hitting it straight off the tee, my irons are quite accurate and I am putting very well right now.

"That is the secret. You can't score what I have been scoring recently without holing putts. You know that out of a field of 150 someone is going to putt very well. Not just for one day, but for four days and that someone is going to be someone in the top ten in the world. I have got to make sure it's me and not somebody else."

As Montgomerie spoke, clouds as grey as battleships had taken up station overhead. Rain fell from time to time in sudden, vicious showers. The wind had swung from the northwest to the southwest and suddenly the best sort of Open weather was arriving as if on cue.

In this grey town, Montgomerie's name is on everyone's lips — not only because of his associations with Troon. "He is playing awfully well right now," Tiger Woods said. "He has an amazing record in major championships. It is just a matter of time before he breaks through and wins one. He is knocking on the door in practically every one."

Nick Price said: "I think Monty is going to play well. He didn't peak last week as he sometimes does."

Steve Elkington, who beat Montgomerie in the play-off for the 1995 US PGA championship, was another who favoured the Scot's chances. "Everyone over on our side of the Atlantic has considerable respect for Colin's play." Elkington, who sent Montgomerie a fax of commiseration after beating him in Los Angeles two years ago, said. "He has great talent. His time will come.

"That booing at the US Open and any barracking he suffers over there only comes because American spectators see him as such a real threat to their players."

Montgomerie said he feels under less pressure now that he is playing well than when his game was at a less accomplished level.

The fact remains, however, that the Open this year is his biggest test, one that will examine his resolve, as much; if not more than, his skill. And for his sake, he has to succeed this time. There can be no more excuses.

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Hollioake selected by England at youth team level

By Alan Lee
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

BEN HOLLIOAKE, who has captured public imagination like no teenage cricketer for a generation, bringing growing demands for his inclusion at Test level, must instead return to the nursery slopes of the international game for his next representative honours.

Hollioake was named yesterday in a 13-strong England Under-19 party to take on Zimbabwe next month. Significantly, however, the selection applies only to the two one-day internationals at Southampton and Hove that begin the programme, leaving open the possibility that Hollioake will be released from one or more of the four-day games.

Surrey, his county, believe strongly that both Hollioake and Alex Tudor, the fast bowler, have outgrown age-group cricket and are better served playing in the county championship.

Similar claims have been made on behalf of Owais Shah, by Middlesex, and David Sales, by Northamptonshire. Both are also included in a squad, which ought to be too good for a country whose own age-group structure is still its infancy. The team is to be led by Andrew Flintoff, of Lancashire, and ten of the chosen group have already played at first-class level.

The view of at least one senior England selector, Mike Gatting, is at variance with that of Micky Stewart, director of excellence for the England and Wales Cricket Board, a strong believer in the agreed policy that age-group sides must always be favoured. Concessions, however, seem likely to be made.

Hollioake alone of those in this party is almost certain to be involved with the senior England side on overseas tours this winter. While it is important for the stature of under-19 cricket that this talisman appears in a series, his cause, and that of the England team, cannot be furthered by keeping him there.

UNDER-19 SQUAD: A Flintoff (Lancs, capt), O Shah (Middx), S Peters (Essex), D Sales (Northants), B Hollioake (Surrey), D Nash (Middx), Z Morris (Yorks), G Batty (Yorks), A Tudor (Surrey), P Franks (Notts), D Cosker (Glam), C Read (Gloucs), R Sidebottom (Yorks)

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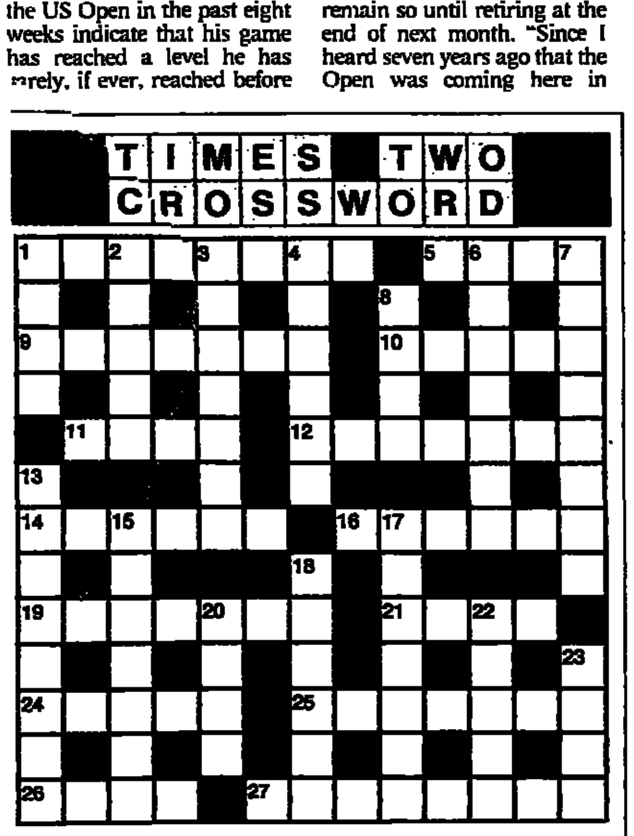

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11 Gaiter; oyster spawn (4)
12 Come to understand (7)
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16 Consented (6)
19 Official journal (7)
21 (Wood) cut (4)
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25 Shorten (lit. work) (7)
26 Row (eg of seats) (4)
27 Lords' officer, summons Commons (5,3)

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1 Something owed (4)
2 Mil. Scout group (5)
3 Easily snapped (7)
4 Fortified wine (6)
6 Style of cookery (7)
7 Surfacing-diver risk (3,5)
8 — Pound; OT book (4)
13 Sweet-smelling (8)
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20 Chore; job (4)
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Black reacts furiously to his world championships snub

By David Powell
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

ROGER BLACK yesterday turned on the Great Britain athletics selectors who denied him a place in the 400 metres at the world championships in Athens next month, but it was an off-guard comment by Jamie Baulch, who has displaced Black, that best highlighted the panel's hasty decision. "I could not believe it when I got the letter in the post this morning," Baulch said. Small wonder.

The sensible path to take, after the apparently inconclusive evidence of the British trials in Birmingham on Sunday, was to wait and see how Black performed in Hechtel, Belgium, this Saturday. Iwan Thomas and Mark Richardson, first and second at the trials, were guaranteed selection, but the third place was left to the selectors' discretion. Baulch was third in the trial, but recorded an unexceptional 45.02sec.

Black missed the race, excusing himself after suffering a viral infection, but was prepared, with an extra week's training, to reveal his form in Hechtel. However, Malcolm Arnold, the British Athletic Federation (BAF) performance director and one of six selectors, said yesterday: "The selection committee felt they could resolve it yesterday on the evidence before them."

So Black, less than two months after being named as the Great Britain men's team captain and within a year of winning two silver medals at the Atlanta Olympic Games, in which he was Britain's most successful athlete, was unceremoniously dumped. When the team was announced yesterday, Black was named only for the 4 x 400 metres relay.

Black, who led the building of a solid wall of industrial relations between the British Athletes' Association and the BAF, began to pick-axe the bricks yesterday. "Not one of the selectors had the common courtesy to pick up the phone and inform me of their decision," Black said. "I had to find out for myself. I find that absolutely staggering.

"I feel they have not shown a shred of decency. I am very angry. It is bad man-management. If it is going to happen to me, as an Olympic silver medal-winner and team captain, it could happen to anybody. I would not take a place from Jamie if I did not think I could do better than he could. He is running OK, but he has not broken 45 seconds this year, which I did 12 times last year."

Black: angry

Although Phil Green, the team manager and a selector, said that he had spoken with Mike Whittingham, Black's coach, on Monday and asked whether he should ring the athlete, to be told "don't bother", Whittingham denied that. However, David Cropper, the chairman of selectors, should have taken it upon himself to inform Black immediately, bypassing Whittingham.

Black said he would not now go to Hechtel. "What is the point?" he said. He plans to take his place in the relay team, but will be an uncomfortable captaincy for him as, in his manager and chief coach, he has to work closely with two of the selectors who voted against him.

It was a unanimous decision to select Baulch, the British indoor record-holder. Given Black's poor form this season — he won at the European Cup, but has not run quicker than 45.63sec — it must be doubtful that he would have run fast in Hechtel.

Arnold insisted that selectors had stuck to the selection policy that highlighted that "current form will be an important selection criterion". He also made an absurd suggestion that he would ask the International Amateur Athletic Federation for an invitation for Black to run the 400 metres in Athens along the lines of those issued to all defending world champions.

Baulch, at 24, may have his best years ahead of him but, compared with Britain's new-look sprints squad, he is something of a veteran. Without Linford Christie on the team for an international championship for the first time in 13 years, Britain's main sprinters now are not long out of their teens. Ian Mackie, Darren Campbell and Marlon Devonish, chosen for the 100 metres, average 22 years of age. In the 200 metres — 13 years after the last British team for a global championships was named without John Regis — Doug Walker, Owusu Dako and Julian Golding, average age 23, are chosen.

None can be expected to make a final, but at least Britain will be represented, which is more than can be said for the 10,000 metres. Such is the paucity of talent that, once Jon Brown and Liz McColgan had made up their minds not to seek selection and Rob Denmark had opted for the 5,000 metres, there was nobody left worth picking.

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